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- 44% of people waste tons of time just sitting in the traffic, while others keep scrolling through their feeds.
- Digital Information World suggests that people spend 2 hours and 22 minutes on social media.
- More often unproductive chats on WhatsApp are the major time drainers where you waste your time on without even knowing how much time is spent.

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National & States Affairs

1. PM Narendra Modi participated in the 'Udyami Bharat' programme at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. During the event, Prime Minister launched the 'Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance' (RAMP) scheme, 'Capacity Building of First-Time MSME Exporters' (CBFTE) scheme and new features of the 'Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme' (PMEGP). PM Modi also issued Digital Equity Certificates to 75 MSMEs in Self Reliant India (SRI) Fund. The RAMP scheme was launched with an outlay of around Rs 6,000 Cr. While, under the PMEGP, maximum project cost is increased to Rs 50 lakh (from Rs 25 lakh) for the manufacturing sector and Rs 20 lakh (from Rs 10 lakh) in the service sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – participated in the 'Udyami Bharat' programme at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi
- Moreover, PM Modi launched – 'RAMP Scheme', 'CBFTE Scheme' & 'PMEGP Scheme'
- PM Modi – issued Digital Equity Certificates to 75 MSMEs in Self Reliant India (SRI) Fund
- 'RAMP' program is an initiative to revitalize – MSME sector

2. On July 5, the Department of Food and Public Distribution (DoFPD) organized a one-day "National Conference on Food and Nutrition Security in India" in New Delhi. The conference is aimed at facilitating cross learning, disseminating best practices for schemes under Public Distribution System (PDS) and strengthening the focus on nutritional security. India's Targeted Public Distribution System, under the 'National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013' is the largest public food-security program in the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DoFPD – organized "National Conference on Food and Nutrition Security in India" in New Delhi
- PDS is the largest public food-security program in the world under 'National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013'

3. In July 2022, Niranjan Pujari, Finance Minister of Odisha, proposed a Rs 2 lakh Cr budget in the State Assembly for the fiscal year 2022-23. In a bid to achieve a robust healthcare system, Odisha government proposed to spend Rs 12,624 Cr for public healthcare, marking an increase of about 38%. The highest Rs 2,664 Cr has been provided under the flagship Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY). The state government proposed Rs 2,325 Cr under 'Mukhya Mantri Swasthya Seva Mission'. A new scheme 'Mukhya Mantri Bayu Swasthya Seva' has been launched by the State government. Moreover, a provision of Rs 247 Cr is made under the Maternity Benefit Programme "MAMATA" scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – proposed Rs 2 lakh Cr budget in the State Assembly for the FY 2022-23 (Rs 12,624 Cr for public healthcare)
- Amounts allocated under various schemes of the State Govt:
 - Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana – Rs 2,664 Cr
 - Mukhya Mantri Swasthya Seva Mission – Rs 2,325 Cr
 - MAMATA Scheme – Rs 247 Cr
 - Mukhya Mantri Bayu Swasthya Seva – newly launched
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal



4. On July 1, Union Minister Piyush Goyal virtually launched a 3-day “Grand Hackathon” on Agriculture domain, organized by the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) in collaboration with NABARD, at the Bombay Stock Exchange in Fort, Mumbai. The “Grand Hackathon” is subdivided into two categories: Agri Grant Challenge and Agri Innovation Hackathon. The flagship event was backed by many credited national initiatives/organisations like Start-Up India, Atal Innovation Mission, Beckn & Protean. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal – virtually launched a 3-day “Grand Hackathon” on Agriculture domain
- ONDC + NABARD = organized “Grand Hackathon” at BSE, Mumbai
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Govinda Rajulu Chintala | Founded in – 1982

5. On July 1, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) launched a digital portal called “Pariksha Sangam” to streamline all board exam and result related activities. The launch of this portal, Pariksha Sangam would result in the streamlining of the process of all board exam related activities such as School Result, Board Result, Reference Materials and more. Under this, CBSE would be combining all its other portals such as e-Sandesh, IPS Payment system, OASIS, Board Circulars, etc. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CBSE – launched “Pariksha Sangam” digital portal to streamline all board exam & result related activities
- HQs of CBSE – New Delhi | Chairman – Nidhi Chibber | Formed in – 1962

6. On July 2, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) created “Namami Gange Amrit Vatika” at Kalindi Kunj Ghat on river Yamuna in New Delhi under ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’. 75 saplings were planted by NMCG in association with Delhi Jal Board (DJB), NGOs and other associated organisations. The plantation activities were carried out under the initiative ‘Yamuna Ghat par Vriksharopan’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NMCG – created “Namami Gange Amrit Vatika” at Kalindi Kunj Ghat on river Yamuna in New Delhi
- 75 saplings were planted under the initiative ‘Yamuna Ghat par Vriksharopan’
- NMCG functions under – Ministry of Jal Shakti | DG – G. Asok Kumar
- Ministry of Jal Shakti: Gajendra Singh Sekhawat | Constituency – Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- MoS for Jal Shakti & Food Processing Industries – Prahlad Singh Patel

7. On July 4, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the “Digital India Week, 2022” in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. An integral part of the Digital India Week is the grand expo - “Digital Mela” which had more than 200 Stalls showcasing Digital India solutions for facilitating “Ease of Living”. The Digital Mela was set up at the Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated the “Digital India Week, 2022” in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- The Digital Mela – was set up at the Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat



8. The Gujarat forest department will restore 10,000 hectares of the Banni Grasslands in the coming year, and every year in the coming decade. The state plans on restoring at least 76,000 hectares of 2,497 sq km grassland which is a high-biodiversity area. The Banni grassland was also highlighted by PM Narendra Modi, in his keynote speech at the “United Nations High Level Dialogue on Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought” last year, as part of India’s endeavour to reach the target of restoring 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030. The grasslands of Gujarat constitute about 4.33% (8,490 sq km) of the total geographical area. Banni grassland was declared as Protected Forest in 1955, under the “Indian Forest Act, 1927”. Banni Grasslands Reserve has 40 species of grass and 99 species of flowering plants. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – to restore 10,000 hectares of the Banni Grasslands in the coming year
- The grasslands of Gujarat constitute about 4.33% (8,490 sq km) of the total geographical area
- Banni grassland – declared as Protected Forest in 1955, under the “Indian Forest Act, 1927”
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar](#) | [CM – Bhupendra Patel](#) | [Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat](#)

9. On July 6, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, L. Murugan, laid the foundation stone of 2 MW Solar Power Plant at the Kerala Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (KCMMF), also known as Milma Dairy Plant, in Ernakulam, Kerala. Ernakulam Dairy Plant is set to become India’s first fully solar powered dairy plant. This solar power project will be installed with an outlay of Rs 11.5 Cr. The minister said that 29 such units will be established in Kerala. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- L. Murugan – laid foundation stone of 2 MW Solar Power Plant at the KCMMF (Milma Dairy Plant) in Ernakulam, Kerala
- Cost – Rs 11.5 Cr | It will be India’s first fully solar powered dairy plant
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram](#) | [CM – Pinarayi Vijayan](#) | [Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)

10. On July 7, Delhi government launched the “Mission Kushal Karmi” programme under which labourers registered with the Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board will be offered a skill development training course. The government will also provide a sum of at least ₹4,200 to each worker who takes the course to compensate for the loss of work during the 15-day programme. The government aims to train 2,00,000 workers in a year under the programme. The programme was conducted by the Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) along with Simplex, NAREDCO and India Vision Foundation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi – launched the “Mission Kushal Karmi” programme for labourers
- The programme was conducted by = DSEU + Simplex + NAREDCO +India Vision Foundation
- [Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal](#) | [Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena](#) | [Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar](#)

11. As on July 1, Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in India to connect One District One Product (ODOP) mart with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) platform. With the onboarding of [odopmart.com](#), the ODOP products will be displayed on all e-commerce portals and apps that are associated with ONDC. The ONDC is an initiative of the Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – became the first state in India to connect ODOP mart with the ONDC platform
- ONDC is an initiative of – Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- [UP: Capital – Lucknow](#) | [CM – Yogi Adityanath](#) | [Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)



12. On July 2, Women and Child welfare representatives from six Indian States - Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Odisha, Tamil Nadu & Telangana, signed an "Inter-State Declaration of Intent" to work in collaboration to combat trafficking in persons. The first of its kind agreement/declaration (also called 'Hyderabad Declaration') was signed at the two-day "Regional Consultation to Combat Human Trafficking", which was hosted by Telangana government in collaboration with non-profit organisations Prajwala and Shakti Vahini. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 2-day "Regional Consultation to Combat Human Trafficking" = hosted by Telangana + Prajwala + Shakti Vahini
- AP + Karnataka + Kerala + Odisha + Tamil Nadu + Telangana = signed an "Inter-State Declaration of Intent" to combat trafficking in persons

13. On July 4, PM Narendra Modi unveiled a 30-foot tall bronze statue of revolutionary fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju, as part of his 125th birth anniversary celebrations, at Pedda Amiram village near Bhimavaram in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. He is popularly known as "Manyam Veerudu" (Hero of the Jungles) these parts of the State. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – unveiled a 30-foot tall bronze statue of Alluri Sitarama Raju popularly known as "Manyam Veerudu"
- The statue was unveiled at – Pedda Amiram village, West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati | CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

14. On July 6, Sikkim and West Bengal have in-principle agreed to a new "Reciprocal Transport Agreement (2022)" after factoring in all problems with the existing agreement signed in 2007. After 15 years, the demands of the transporters of both the states of West Bengal and Sikkim have been accepted. Under the new agreement, an 'All Bengal Permit' and 'All Sikkim Permit' will be issued except in restricted and protected areas, thereby solving the problems of transporters of both states. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sikkim + West Bengal = agreed to a new "Reciprocal Transport Agreement (2022)" (after 15 years)
- Under this agreement – 'All Bengal Permit' and 'All Sikkim Permit' will be issued except in restricted & protected areas
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – La. Ganesan
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad

15. As on July 4, the Rajasthan government plans to introduce the first of its kind "Right to Health Bill" in the Assembly. It aims to commit to quality and affordable health care services through government and private health care providers. The state has also ensured health security of every family by providing free treatment up to Rs 10 lakh to the people through "Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan – plans to introduce the first of its kind "Right to Health Bill"
- Free medical treatment up to Rs 10 lakh – under Rajasthan's "Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana"
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra



16. On July 7, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated a 3-day “Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam” in Varanasi, organized by the Ministry of Education in association with University Grants Commission (UGC) and Banaras Hindu University (BHU). The Summit provided a platform for leading Indian Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to discuss, deliberate and share insights on strategies, success stories and best practices in implementing the National Education Policy, 2020. The key highlight of the Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam was the adoption of the Varanasi Declaration on Higher Education. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated “Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam” in Varanasi, UP
- Organized by = Ministry of Education + UGC + BHU
- ‘Varanasi Declaration on Higher Education’ was adopted at the event
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

17. India’s first floating terminal for liquefied natural gas (LNG) at Jaigarh in Maharashtra is expected to be operational in the second half of 2022. Besides, another floating terminal at Jafrabad in Gujarat is also likely to begin operations in 2022. H-Energy Gateway’s Floating Storage & Regasification Units (FSRUs) at Jaigarh and the Swan Energy-led terminal at Jafrabad are cumulatively expected to add 11 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of regasification capacity, according to the International Gas Union (IGU). At present, India has six operational import terminals. In FY22, India imported 30,776 million standard cubic metres (MSCM) of LNG worth \$13.4 billion. During April-May of FY23, the world’s 4th largest LNG importer, India, shipped 4,949 MSCM LNG worth \$2.2 billion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India’s first floating terminal for LNG at Jaigarh in Maharashtra – expected to be operational in the second half of 2022
- Another floating terminal at Jafrabad in Gujarat is likely to begin operations in 2022
- At present, India has 6 operational import terminals | In FY22, India imported 30,776 MSCM of LNG worth \$13.4 billion
- Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

18. On July 1, the Indian government has imposed taxes on Windfall gains made by crude oil producers. The government slapped a Rs 23,230 per tonne additional tax on domestically produced crude oil to take away windfall gains accruing to producers from high international oil prices. The government has also imposed export duties for petrol, diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATFs) to help boost domestic supplies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gol – imposed taxes on Windfall gains made by Crude Oil producers
- Rs 23,230 per tonne – additional tax on domestically produced Crude Oil

19. On July 8, the central government extended the tenure of the Commission (also known as Justice Rohini Commission) to examine sub-categorisation of other backward classes (OBCs), headed by former Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, Justice G Rohini, until January 31, 2023. The panel has received 10 extensions since its constitution on October 2, 2017. The commission was set up by the President under ‘Article 340’ of the Indian Constitution to sub-categorise OBCs so that the benefits of reservation reach all of them. In India, OBCs get 27% reservation in jobs and education provided by the Centre. Apart from OBCs, 15% of seats and jobs have been reserved for SCs and 7.5% for STs. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Central Govt extended the tenure of Justice Rohini Commission until January 31, 2023
- Justice G. Rohini – former Chief Justice of Delhi High Court
- The commission was set up by the President under ‘Article 340’ to sub-categorise OBCs
- In India, OBCs get 27% reservation in jobs and education provided by the Centre

20. As on July 7, Karnataka is set to be the first state in India to have an exclusive Research & Development (R&D) Policy. A Task Force, headed by Prof. Ashok Shettar, is formed to prepare the necessary systems for effective implementation of the proposed policy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – to be 1st state to have an exclusive R&D Policy
- The task force to prepare the necessary systems for effective implementation of this policy – headed by Ashok Shettar
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore](#) | [CM – Basavaraj Bommai](#) | [Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot](#)

21. On July 7, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced to host a month-long “Delhi Shopping Festival” between January 28 and February 26, 2023. India’s biggest shopping festival aims to attract people from across the world, boost local tourism and generate employment for the city’s residents. The Kejriwal government had announced hosting the Shopping Festival in its Rozgar Budget, with an outlay of ₹250 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arvind Kejriwal – announced to host a month-long “Delhi Shopping Festival” between January 28 & February 26, 2023
- [Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal](#) | [Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena](#) | [Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar](#)

22. On July 5, GODI India has become the first Indian company to receive Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) certification for its 21700 cylindrical NMC811 lithium-ion cells. As per the BIS requirement, the Godi-designed and made-in-India cells were tested and qualified by TUV, the third-party testing agency. For the first time in Indian history, “NMC811 21700” (3.65V-4.5Ah capacity) cylindrical cells were made-in-India & Made-for-India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Godi India – received BIS certificate for ‘21700 Cylindrical NMC811’ lithium-ion cells
- [HQs of Godi India – Hyderabad, Telangana](#) | [Founder & CEO – Mahesh Godi](#)

23. On July 6, Google launched “Startup School India (SSI)” as part of the ‘Google for Startups’ initiative. This is a platform under which Google will bring together investors, successful entrepreneurs and programmers so that startups from the smaller cities can tap into and learn from the best. Google aims to reach out to at least 10,000 startups with this programme. The SSI will be a nine-week program. With close to 70,000 startups, India is the third largest birthing ground for startups in the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google – launched a 9-week program “Startup School India (SSI)” as part of the ‘Google for Startups’ initiative
- [HQs of Google – California, US](#) | [CEO – Sundar Pichai](#) | [Founded in – 1998](#)



24. On July 8, Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur launched revised Schemes of Cash Awards, National Welfare and Pension to sportspersons, Web Portal for Schemes of Department of Sports and National Sports Development Fund website, in New Delhi. These revised schemes will provide more transparency and accountability to give benefit to sports persons in record time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- In New Delhi, Anurag Singh Thakur launched:
 - Revised Schemes of Cash Awards
 - National Welfare & Pension to Sportspersons
 - Web Portal for Schemes of Department of Sports
 - National Sports Development Fund website
- [Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports: Anurag Singh Thakur](#) | [Constituency – Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports: Nisith Pramanik](#)

25. On July 2, Railway Protection Force (RPF) launched a month-long pan India drive against smuggling of narcotics through rail, under code name “Operation NARCOS”. RPF intensified its checks in trains and in identified black spots across the country in coordination with NCB and other LEA’s to target drug peddlers involved in this illegal trade. In June 2022, RPF recovered various narcotics products including designer products valued Rs 7,40,77,126. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RPF – launched a pan India drive against smuggling of narcotics through rail, under code name “Operation NARCOS”
- [HQs of RPF – New Delhi, India](#) | [Director General – Sanjay Chander](#)

26. On July 10, Maharashtra Metro & the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) made a world record by constructing the world’s longest Double Decker Viaduct/Bridge (3.14 Km) with Highway Flyover & Metro Rail Supported on single column piers in Nagpur. It is recognized by Asia Book of Records & India Book of Records. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World’s longest Double Decker Viaduct/Bridge with Highway Flyover & Metro Rail Supported on single column piers – constructed in Nagpur, Maharashtra (Length - 3.14 Km)
- [Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde](#) | [Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari](#)

27. On July 9, India joined the Interpol’s “International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) Database” which will allow it to draw links between victims, abusers and crime scene using audio-visual data. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which is India’s nodal agency for Interpol matters, joined the database making India the 68th country to connect to it. An intelligence and investigative tool, the database allows specialized investigators to share information on cases of child sexual abuse. Detectives in all 68 countries can exchange information and notes with their colleagues across the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – became the 68th country to join the Interpol’s “International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) Database”
- CBI – India’s nodal agency for Interpol matters – joined the database from India
- Detectives in all 68 countries can exchange information and notes with their colleagues across the world
- [HQs of Interpol – Lyon, France](#) | [President – Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi](#) | [Founded on – Sep 7, 1923](#)
- [HQs of CBI – New Delhi](#) | [DG – Subodh Kumar Jaiswal](#) | [Motto – “Industry, Impartiality, Integrity”](#)



28. On July 8, National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) has made the Geo-Portal “PARIMAN” open to Public with an intent of optimum utilization of resources in Public interest. The geo-portal was launched in August 2021 in the 40th meeting of the Board, chaired by Hardeep Singh Puri, Chairman of NCRPB and Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs. The geo-portal was developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC) for NCR Planning Board. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCRPB made the Geo-Portal “PARIMAN” open to Public
- The portal was launched by Hardeep Singh Puri in Aug 2021 | Developed by – NIC
- HQs of NIC – New Delhi | Director General – Rajesh Gera | works under – MeitY | Established in – 1976

29. On July 7, during the company’s Annual General Meeting (AGM), Tata Power Chairman N. Chandrasekaran announced a capital expenditure plan of over Rs 75,000 Cr in the Renewable Energy sector in the next 5 years. The company has planned Rs 14,000 Cr consolidated capex in FY23 with Rs 10,000 Cr in renewables. Tata Power plans to scale its generation capacity to over 30 GW by FY27 from current 13.5 GW. The company plans to increase Green Energy share to 60% over the next 5 years by 2027 and 80% by 2030, from current levels of 34%. The company has 3 Key Goals - Carbon Net Zero by 2045, 100% Water Neutral by 2030, Zero Waste to Landfills before 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Power – announced a capital expenditure plan of over Rs 75,000 Cr in the RE sector in next 5 years
- Tata Power plans to scale its generation capacity to over 30 GW by FY27 from current 13.5 GW
- The company plans to increase Green Energy share to 60% by 2027 & 80% by 2030, from current levels of 34%
- 3 Goals of Tata Power: Carbon Net Zero by 2045, 100% Water Neutral by 2030, Zero Waste to Landfills before 2030
- HQs of Tata Power RE – Mumbai, Maharashtra | President – Ashish Khanna | CEO – Ashwinikumar Patil
- HQs of Tata Power – Mumbai | Chairman – N. Chandrasekaran | MD & CEO – Praveer Sinha | Established in – 1915

30. On July 7, Akasa Air received the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) from aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The airline, backed by ace stock market investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, had taken delivery of its first Boeing 737 max aircraft in India on June 21, 2022. The airline will have 18 aircraft by the end of the fiscal year 2022-23. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Akasa Air – received the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) from DGCA
- HQs of Akasa Air – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Founder – Rakesh Jhunjhunwala
- HQs of DGCA – New Delhi | Director General – Arun Kumar

31. On July 7, the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus in Mumbai has become the first railway station in India to be equipped with augmented reality screens. The futuristic technology will allow passengers at the station to get real-time digitised time table with a dedicated scrolling screen and railway information for an engaging experience. Augmented reality magic mirrors create a virtual world around the person standing in front of the screen. The Central Railways plans to bring in around Rs 50 lakh in revenues in 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (Mumbai) – became the first railway station in India to be equipped with augmented reality screens called ‘Magic Mirrors’



32. On July 4, the Western Railway (WR) opened its longest skywalk, from the Khar Road railway station to the nearby Bandra Terminus, for the passengers to reach the platforms to board trains easily. The skywalk spans 314 meters long and is 4.4 meters wide. The skywalk was built at a cost of around Rs 14 crore. Besides, the Western Railway has also been working in the direction to overhaul many Foot Over Bridges (FOBs) and Road Over Bridges (ROBs) in the metropolis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Western Railway – opened its longest skywalk, from Khar Road Railway Station to the nearby Bandra Terminus
- Length – 314 meters
- [HQs of Western Railway Zone – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [GM – Anil Kumar Lahoti](#)

33. Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) approved a total of 314 applications (out of 320 applications under consideration) with proposed investments of Rs 86,824 Crore under a “Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme (M-SIPS)” till May 31, 2022. The proposals that were approved in May included an investment of Rs 596 Crore from Bosch Automotive Electronics Private Limited. The M-SIPS, announced by the government in July 2012, mainly provides a Capex Subsidy of 20-25%. M-SIPS was the first scheme under which the government supported Electronics Manufacturing Companies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MeitY – approved a total of 314 applications proposed investments of Rs 86,824 Cr under a “M-SIPS”
- M-SIPS – launched in July 2012 | The scheme mainly provides a Capex Subsidy of 20-25%
- [Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnav](#) | [Constituency – Odisha](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Rajeev Chandrasekhar](#)

34. On July 12, Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) partnered with YuWaah (Generation Unlimited India) at UNICEF with an aim to expand access to employment opportunities for students. DSEU and UNICEF have introduced “Career Awareness Sessions” for students at DSEU to make them more aware of the existing job portals. Moreover, “YuWaah Step Up - Bano Job Ready”, a 6-month pilot program is being conducted by Flywheel Digital Solutions with DSEU students and other job seekers in Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DSEU + YuWaah (UNICEF) = introduced “Career Awareness Sessions” for DSEU students to make them more aware of the existing job portals
- Flywheel Digital Solutions – is conducting a 6-month program “YuWaah Step Up - Bano Job Ready” with DSEU students
- [Chancellor of DSEU – Vinai Kumar Saxena](#)
- [HQs of UNICEF – New York, US](#) | [Executive Director – Catherine Russell](#) | [Established in – 1946](#)

35. On July 12, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari announced that the 29-km long 16-lane Dwarka Expressway, also known as the Northern Peripheral Road, will be opened for public use in 2023. Dwarka Expressway, once completed, will become the first Elevated Urban Expressway in India. It is aimed to reduce traffic on Delhi-Gurugram Expressway. It is being developed at a cost of Rs 9,000 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari announced: 29-km long 16-lane Dwarka Expressway will be opened for public use in 2023
- Dwarka Expressway (Northern Peripheral Road) – to become 1st Elevated Urban Expressway in India (Cost - Rs 9000 Cr)
- [Ministry of Road Transport & Highways: Nitin Gadkari](#) | [Constituency – Nagpur, Maharashtra](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways: V. K. Singh](#)



36. In July 2022, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of multiple projects worth over Rs 1,800 Cr at an event at Dr. Sampurnanand Sports Stadium, Sagra, Varanasi. During the programme, the PM inaugurated projects worth over Rs 590 Cr which include multiple initiatives under Varanasi Smart City and Urban Projects. He also laid the foundation stone for multiple Road Infrastructure Projects worth more than Rs 1200 Cr. Besides, he inaugurated a Synthetic Athletic Track and Synthetic Basketball Court in Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Sports Complex, Bada Lalpur in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Modi – inaugurated & laid the foundation stones of multiple projects worth over Rs 1,800 Cr – in Varanasi, UP
- Dr. Sampurnanand Sports Stadium – located in Sagra, Varanasi, UP
- PM Modi – inaugurated a Synthetic Athletic Track & Synthetic Basketball Court – in Varanasi, UP
- Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Sports Complex – located in Bada Lalpur, Varanasi, UP
- [UP: Capital – Lucknow](#) | [CM – Yogi Adityanath](#) | [Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

37. In line with the vision of Prime Minister towards making Ladakh a Carbon-neutral region, Leh airport is being built as India's first Carbon Neutral Airport by Airports Authority of India (AAI). A "Geothermal system" in hybridization with Solar PV Plant will be provided in the new airport Terminal Building for heating and cooling purposes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Leh Airport – is being built as India's first Carbon Neutral Airport by AAI
- [Ladakh: Capital – Leh](#) | [Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur](#)
- [HQs of AAI – New Delhi](#) | [Chairman – Sanjeev Kumar](#)

38. In July 2022, Valavanur Police Station in Tamil Nadu's Villupuram obtained ISO Certificate from Quest Certification Private Limited for regulating station records and processes, maintaining a public-friendly environment, taking immediate steps to resolve their complaints, and for keeping the station premises clean. The station had also received the "Workplace Assessment for Safety and Hygiene (WASH) Award" from Quality Council of India (QCI) for ensuring safety and hygiene in the workplace. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Valavanur Police Station ([Villupuram, Tamil Nadu](#)) – received 'ISO Certificate' from Quest Certification Pvt Ltd
- Valavanur Police Station – had also received the "WASH Award" from Quality Council of India (QCI)
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai](#) | [CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin](#) | [Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi](#)

39. On July 13, the government nominated 29 non-official members from large and small enterprises and different sectors in the Board of Trade, chaired by the Commerce & Industry Minister, Piyush Goyal. The board provides a platform to discuss ways on boosting manufacturing and exports. In 2019, the government had merged the Council of Trade Development and Promotion with the Board of Trade to bring greater coherence in the consultation process with all stakeholders for promoting exports and imports. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 29 non-official members were selected from large & small enterprises and different sectors in the Board of Trade
- Board of Trade – chaired by the Commerce & Industry Minister (Piyush Goyal at present)



40. On July 11, Raja, the oldest Royal Bengal Tiger in captivity in West Bengal died in Jaldapara forest of Alipurduar district. Raja died at the age 25 years and 10 months, the oldest for any Royal Bengal Tiger in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Raja', the oldest Royal Bengal Tiger in captivity in West Bengal – died in Jaldapara forest of Alipurduar district
- It lived for 25 years & 10 months
- [West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – La. Ganesan](#)

41. On July 12, Ola Electric, the ride-hailing firm's electric vehicle arm, unveiled India's first indigenously developed lithium-ion cell, "NMC 2170". Nickel Cylindrical Ola Cell uses NMC (Nickel Manganese Cobalt) on the cathode side, and Graphite and Silicon on the anode side. Ola will begin the mass production of its cell at its upcoming Gigafactory in Chennai by 2023. India has recently allocated Ola a 20GWh capacity under the 'ACC PLI' scheme for developing advanced cells in India. [{Read more}](#)

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- India – recently allocated Ola a 20GWh capacity under the 'ACC PLI' scheme for developing advanced cells

42. In July 2022, Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers Mansukh L. Mandaviya announced that India will be self-sufficient in urea production (both conventional urea & nano liquid urea) by 2025-end and there will be no import dependence. At present, India's urea (conventional) production is 260 lakh tonnes, while around 90 lakh tonnes are imported to meet local demand. At present, the capacity of Nano urea is 5 Crore bottles per year. Co-operative major IFFCO has introduced innovative Nano liquid urea in the market. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India will be self-sufficient in urea production by 2025-end
- At present, India's urea (conventional) production – 260 lakh tonnes
- IFFCO has introduced innovative Nano liquid urea in the market
- [HQs of IFFCO – New Delhi | Chairman – Dileep Sanghani](#)

43. On July 11, Union Minister of State, Electronics and Information Technology, Rajeev Chandrasekhar inaugurated two new Internet Exchange Points (IXP) of NIXI at Durgapur and Bardhaman in West Bengal. Internet Exchanges in states are expected to contribute to the enhancement and improvement of internet and broadband services in West Bengal and neighbouring regions. The launch of these internet exchanges is under PM Narendra Modi's "Digital India" vision to connect every Indian with open, safe & trusted and accountable internet and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology's vision "1000 Days". NIXI, a not-for-profit organization, was set up for peering of ISPs among themselves for the purpose of routing the domestic traffic within the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajeev Chandrasekhar – inaugurated two new IXP of NIXI at Durgapur & Bardhaman in West Bengal
- The Exchanges are launched under Narendra Modi's "Digital India" vision & Meity's "1000 Days" vision
- [West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – La. Ganesan](#)



44. On July 12, in a historic move to further boost the growth of agriculture and horticulture sector, the agriculture department of Jammu & Kashmir, Sikkim government and Sikkim University signed a tripartite agreement for collaboration on training, technology, capacity building and extension activities for saffron and other temperate crops. The historic collaboration will strengthen “Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat” initiative of PM Narendra Modi. Sikkim being the first organic state in India has the expertise on organic production technologies and certification. So the collaboration will immensely help J&K to provide solutions and policy prescription for the organic farmers in the UT. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J&K + Sikkim = an agreement to boost cultivation of saffron & other crops in the UT
- Sikkim – the first organic state in India
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad

45. On July 11, PM Narendra Modi unveiled a 6.5 metre-tall National Emblem on top of the under-construction new Parliament building. The emblem, made of bronze, weighs 9,500 kg. The emblem was created by Sunil Deore from Aurangabad and Laxman Vyas from Jaipur. [{Read more}](#)

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- The emblem was created by = Sunil Deore (Aurangabad) + Laxman Vyas (Jaipur)
- The emblem is made of Bronze & weighs 9,500 kg

46. In July 2022, National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) in partnership with Investment New South Wales (NSW), Australia, organised a series of tailor-made Roadshows for Indian technology companies to highlight business and investment opportunities that exist in Australia. The roadshows in 6 cities, that started from New Delhi, aimed to raise awareness on how to successfully establish and grow one’s business while engaging with key stakeholders and leveraging the local eco-system. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASSCOM + NSW (Australia) = organised Roadshows for Indian technology companies to highlight business & investment opportunities that exist in Australia
- The Roadshows started from New Delhi & was organised in total 6 cities
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Anthony Albanese

47. On July 10, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has formed a 3-member committee to carry out a delimitation exercise of Municipal Wards in Delhi. The delimitation exercise will pave the way for the city’s first civic polls after the Municipal Corporation of Delhi’s (MCD) reunification. Vijay Kumar Dev, the State Election Commissioner, will chair the committee. The committee will submit report in 4 months. On April 5, the Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2022, was passed by Parliament to reunify the three corporations. Maximum 250 municipal wards can be created under the ‘Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Act, 2022’. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- MHA – formed a 3-member committee to carry out a delimitation exercise of Municipal Wards in Delhi
- The committee will be chaired by – Vijay Kumar Dev (State Election Commissioner)
- Maximum 250 municipal wards can be created under the ‘Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Act, 2022’
- Ministry of Home Affairs: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Home Affairs: Nityanand Rai, Ajay Kumar & Nisith Pramanik

48. On July 16, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 296-km-long Bundelkhand Expressway, which passes through 7 districts of Uttar Pradesh and has been constructed at a cost of around Rs 14,850 Cr. The four-lane expressway extends from NH-35 and merges with the Agra-Lucknow Expressway. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated 296-km-long Bundelkhand Expressway – in Uttar Pradesh (Cost - Rs 14,850 Cr)
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

49. On July 12, ReNew Power successfully refinanced its 2024 maturity Dollar-denominated Bonds worth \$525 million. The bonds were issued in 2019. The refinancing has cut the bonds’ INR interest cost by 200 basis points, with the interest rate fixed for 3 years while pushing out the maturity to the end of fiscal year 2027. With this, ReNew Power became the first Indian Renewable Energy Company to refinance dollar-denominated bonds. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ReNew Power – successfully refinanced its 2024 maturity Dollar-denominated Bonds worth \$525 million (first company)
- The bonds were issued in 2019
- HQs of ReNew Power – Gurugram, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Sumant Sinha

50. On July 8, Bharat Alt Fuel, which focuses on alternative fuel technology and e-mobility, announced to set up a Greenfield Unit in Tamil Nadu at an investment of ₹250 Crore to manufacture Electric Vehicles, Batteries and Motors. The integrated facility spread across 40,000 square metres in Krishnagiri, around 300 kms from here, was expected to commence production in the second half of 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharat Alt Fuel – to set up a Greenfield Unit in Tamil Nadu to manufacture Electric Vehicles (investment of ₹250 Cr)
- HQs of Bharat Alt Fuel – Thane, Maharashtra
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

51. On July 12, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated ‘Bal Vatikas’ at Anganwadi Kendras across the state to strengthen the Pre-primary Education System. With this, Uttarakhand became the first state in the country to initiate process of implementing the Centre’s New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 at the Pre-primary Level. The ‘Bal Vatikas’ will function at 4,457 anganwadi kendras in the state and will be equivalent to the nursery classes at a private school. The CM also said that the New Education Policy will be fully implemented in Uttarakhand by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttarakhand – inaugurated ‘Bal Vatikas’ at Anganwadi Kendras to strengthen the Pre-primary Education System
- Uttarakhand – India’s first state to initiate process of implementing the Centre’s NEP 2020 at the Pre-primary Level
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh



52. In July 2022, French aviation giant Safran Group announced to set up a “Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) Facility” for its aircraft engines in Hyderabad at an initial investment of USD 150 million (around Rs 1,200 Cr) and create around 1,000 new job opportunities. This will be SAFRAN’s largest MRO facility globally and will be the first Engine MRO established by Safran in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Safran – to set up its “MRO Facility” for its aircraft engines in Hyderabad (its largest MRO globally & first in India)
- HQs of Safran – Paris, France

53. To bolster measurement of Air Pollution in rural India, the IIT Kanpur is embarking on a \$2.5 million project (Rs 19 Cr) to install nearly 1,400 sensors in rural blocks of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The 3-year pilot project is expected to pave the way for a national network of Air Quality Sensors in rural India. India’s current annual safe limits for PM 2.5 and PM 10 are 40 micrograms/per cubic metre (ug/m³) and 60 micrograms/cubic metre. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Kanpur – installed nearly 1,400 sensors in rural blocks of Uttar Pradesh & Bihar to bolster measurement of Air Pollution in rural India
- India’s current annual safe limits for PM 2.5 & PM 10 – 40 ug/m³ & 60 ug/m³ (micrograms/cubic metre)
- Director of IIT Kanpur – Abhay Karandikar

54. In July 2022, the Registrar General and Census Commission of India, Dr. Vivek Joshi inaugurated a new ‘Census Data Workstation’ at IIT Delhi’s Economics Lab in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. The Census Data Workstation shall help spread awareness about the extensive amount of data colleges during Census operations in the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Vivek Joshi inaugurated a new ‘Census Data Workstation’ at IIT Delhi
- Registrar General & Census Commission of India – Dr. Vivek Joshi
- Director of IIT Delhi – V. Ramgopal Rao

55. On July 7, India’s third power exchange namely “Hindustan Power Exchange (HPX)” (erstwhile Pranurja Solutions Ltd) was launched. It is backed by BSE and Power Trading Corporation (PTC). PTC India and BSE Investment hold 25% each in HPX, followed by 9.9% held by ICICI Bank. HPX received a nod from the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC). The other two exchanges in India are Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) and Power Exchange of India Ltd (PXIL), of which IEX holds 98%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India’s 3rd power exchange “Hindustan Power Exchange (HPX)” is launched (formerly known as Pranurja Solutions)
- Other 2 power exchanges: Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) & Power Exchange of India Ltd (PXIL)
- HPX – backed by BSE & Power Trading Corporation (each hold 25% in HPX) | ICICI Bank holds 9.9%
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Taglines – “Hum Hain Na!” & “Khayal Apka”
- Location of HPX – Mumbai



56. On July 9, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai held a joint review meeting with the officials of the Environment Department and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee regarding the construction of India's first e-waste Eco Park at Holambi Kalan in Delhi in an area of about 21 acres. An 11-member steering committee has been formed and Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (DSIIDC) has been made its implementing agency. Delhi produces over 2 lakh tonnes of e-waste every year, or about 9.5% of the total amount produced in India, and only 5% of the generated e-waste is properly recycled. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 11-member Steering Committee is formed – to monitor the construction of India's first e-waste Eco Park in Delhi
- Implementing Agency – DSIIDC | Delhi produces over 2 lakh tonnes of e-waste every year (about 9.5%)
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena | Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar

57. On July 10, the government introduced certification of authenticity for jute products with the unveiling of "Jute Mark India" logo, by the Union Textile Secretary U. P. Singh. It is an initiative to promote and protect Indian jute products. National Jute Board is the nodal agency of the Union Textiles Ministry, responsible for the promotion of jute and jute products in India and abroad. JMI Scheme was implemented under an umbrella scheme for development and promotion of the jute sector between FY22 and FY26 with a total financial outlay of Rs 485.58 Cr by the Centre. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- U. P. Singh (Union Textile Secretary) – introduced "Jute Mark India" logo for certification of authenticity of jute products
- National Jute Board is the nodal agency of the Ministry of Textiles
- Outlay of JMI Scheme – Rs 485.58 Cr
- Ministry of Textiles: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Textiles: Darshana Vikram Jardosh

58. On July 12, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) introduced "Paper Import Monitoring System (PIMS)" by amending the import policy of major paper products from 'Free' to 'Free subject to compulsory registration under PIMS'. PIMS shall come into effect from October 1, 2022. However, the online facility of registration is available from July 15, 2022. Paper products like currency paper, bank bond and Cheque paper, security printing paper, etc. have been excluded from mandatory registration. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DGFT introduced "Paper Import Monitoring System (PIMS)"
- Import policy of major paper products amended – from 'Free' to 'Free subject to compulsory registration under PIMS'
- DGFT functions under – Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Piyush Goyal – Maharashtra)
- HQs of DGFT – New Delhi | Director General – Santosh Kumar Sarangi

59. On July 12, the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) granted market authorisation to Serum Institute of India (SII) to manufacture indigenously-developed India's first Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus vaccine (qHPV) against Cervical Cancer. Cervical cancer is the second most frequent cancer among women between 15 and 44 years of age with a high death ratio in India. Every year in India, 1,22,844 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 67,477 die from the disease. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DCGI – granted authorisation to SII to manufacture indigenously-developed India's 1st qHPV against Cervical Cancer
- HQs of SII – Pune, MH | Chairman – Cyrus S. Poonawalla | CEO – Adar C. Poonawalla | Founded in – 1966

60. On July 14, Kerala has become the first and only state in India to have its own internet service. The announcement came after the Kerala Fiber Optic Network Ltd received the Internet Service Provider (ISP) license from the Department of Telecommunications. With this, the project envisaged to bridge the digital divide in the society. The KFON aims to provide free internet to BPL families and 30,000 government offices. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – became the first & only state in India to have its own internet service
- Kerala Fiber Optic Network Ltd – received the ‘ISP license’ from the Department of Telecommunications
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

61. On July 15, Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Narayan Rane launched ‘Repos Pay’ - a Mobile Electric Charging platform and ‘Phy-gital’ - a Fintech Platform at “Fuelling India 2022” event in Mumbai. ‘Repos Pay’ is a platform where one can order a Mobile Electric Charging Vehicle on app and charge their vehicles. ‘Phy-gital’ is a Fintech Platform that will bring credit to fuel consumers (Buy Now Pay Later) through Technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narayan Rane – launched ‘Repos Pay’ & ‘Phy-gital’ at “Fuelling India 2022” event – held in Mumbai
- ‘Repos Pay’ – a Mobile Electric Charging platform for vehicles
- ‘Phy-gital’ – a Fintech Platform that provides credit to fuel consumers (Buy Now Pay Later)
- Ministry of MSME: Narayan Rane | Constituency – Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of MSME: Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma

62. On July 14, in a bid to emphasize on “LiFE” (Lifestyle for the Environment) movement through Sustainable Consumption, the Department of Consumer Affairs, under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, has formed a committee to develop a comprehensive framework for the “Right to Repair”. The committee is chaired by Nidhi Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs. The aim is to repair in India is to empower consumers and product buyers in the local market, harmonize trade between the original equipment manufacturers and the third-party buyers and sellers, emphasize on developing sustainable consumption of products and reduction in e-waste. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Department of Consumer Affairs – formed a committee to develop a comprehensive framework for “Right to Repair”
- The committee is chaired by – Nidhi Khare (Additional Secretary, Dept. of Consumer Affairs)
- The committee will emphasize on “LiFE” (Lifestyle for the Environment) movement through Sustainable Consumption
- Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution: Ashwini Kumar Choubey & Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti

63. On July 13, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai laid the foundation stone for South India’s first Nano Urea (Liquid) plant at Naganayakanahalli near Devanahalli in Karnataka. The plant is being set up by the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) on 12 acres of land in Hi-Tech Defence and Aerotech Park. It will come up at a cost of ₹550 Crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The foundation stone for South India’s first Nano Urea (Liquid) plant – laid in Naganayakanahalli, Karnataka
- The plant is set up by – IFFCO | Cost – ₹550 Cr
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot
- HQs of IFFCO – New Delhi | Chairman – Dileep Sanghani



64. On July 13, the Railway University in Gujarat's Vadodara has been granted Central University status by the Union Cabinet. The Union Cabinet gave its approval to introduce a Bill in Parliament, namely, the "Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022" to amend the "Central Universities Act, 2009" for setting up of "Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV)". The amendment grants conversion & renaming of the "National Rail & Transportation Institute (NRTI)", a deemed-to-be university, into "Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya", a Central University. The government has plans of pumping in Rs 100 lakh Cr in projects related to rail, road and sea infrastructure. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet introduced "Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022" to amend the "Central Universities Act, 2009"
- Railway University (Vadodara, Gujarat) – is granted 'Central University' status
- Amendment grants conversion & renaming of "NRTI" into "Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya"
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

65. Kolkata's metro will be the first underwater train in India to run under a river covering a distance of 16.34 km east-west corridor. It is scheduled to commence its journey in early 2023. Out of 16.34 km length, 10.8 km is underground and 520-metre is underwater. The tunnels, for the route, were created in 2017 by Afcons, a construction company. Afcons also created India's deepest Metro station, located 30 metres below the Howrah railway station. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kolkata metro – will be the first underwater train in India to run under a river
- Out of total length of 16.34 km, 10.8 km is underground & 520-metre is underwater
- The tunnels, for the route, were created – by Afcons (in 2017)
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – La. Ganesan

66. On July 15, the Secretary-General of the SCO, Zhang Ming announced that Varanasi will become the first "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) for 2022-23 under a new rotating initiative by the SCO to promote people-to-people contacts and tourism among the member states. Under this initiative, each year, a city of the cultural heritage of a member country that will take over the rotating Presidency of the organisation will get the title to highlight its prominence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Varanasi – will become the first "Cultural & Tourism Capital" of the SCO for 2022-23 under a new rotating initiative
- HQs of SCO – Beijing, China | SG – Zhang Ming | Present Member Countries – 8 | Presidency – Uzbekistan

67. On July 15, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu and his Assam counterpart Himanta Biswa Sarma signed a pact to end the decades-old border dispute between the two states. They agreed in principle on restricting the number of 'disputed villages' to 86 instead of 123. The agreement was signed at Namsai in Arunachal Pradesh, and thus called the "Namsai Declaration". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arunachal Pradesh + Assam = signed a pact to end the decades-old border dispute between the two states
- The agreement was signed at Namsai in Arunachal Pradesh, and thus called the "Namsai Declaration"
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B. D. Mishra



68. On July 15, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) has launched “Jagriti”, a mascot for empowering consumers and generating awareness of their rights. Jagriti mascot shall be shown along with tagline “Jago Grahak Jago” in all its media campaigns. With this, the DoCA aims to strengthen its consumer awareness campaign presence in digital and multimedia and reinforce a young empowered and informed consumer as a top-of-mind consumer rights awareness recall brand. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DoCA launched “Jagriti”, a mascot for empowering consumers & generating awareness of their rights
- Jagriti mascot shall be shown along with tagline “Jago Grahak Jago”
- [Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution: Ashwini Kumar Choubey & Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti](#)

69. On July 17, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) launched a unique Bikers Cafe to cater to the needs of biker expeditions to the Himalayas. The IOC looks to retain its market leadership with differentiated offerings tailored for various consumer sets. The first such offering has been started near Shimla and more such facilities will be set up along the Chandigarh-Manali route as well as the Chandigarh-Kaza sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IOCL – launched a unique Bikers Cafe to cater to the needs of biker expeditions to the Himalayas
- [HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya | Founded in – 1959](#)

70. On July 11, India’s Public Service Broadcaster – Prasar Bharati unveiled its new logo on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee year. The new logo was released by Apurva Chandra, Secretary of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. Headquartered in New Delhi, Prasar Bharati is a statutory autonomous body set up by an Act of Parliament. It comprises the Doordarshan Television Network and All India Radio (AIR). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prasar Bharati – unveiled its new logo on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee year
- The new logo was released by – Apurva Chandra (Secretary of Ministry of I&B)
- Prasar Bharati – comprises Doordarshan & AIR
- [HQs of Prasar Bharati – New Delhi | CEO – Mayank Kumar Agrawal \(addi. charge\)](#)

71. On July 15, NASSCOM Foundation along with Google set up a call centre called the “DigiVaani Call Center” in collaboration with non-profit Indian Society of Agribusiness Professionals (ISAP) to help women farmers scale up their business. The project was launched on a pilot basis to initially reach out to 20,000 rural women entrepreneurs across 6 states - Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana and Rajasthan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASSCOM + Google + ISAP = set up “DigiVaani Call Center” to help women farmers scale up their business
- The project was launched on a pilot basis in 6 states
- [HQs of NASSCOM – New Delhi | President – Debjani Ghosh](#)
- [Chairman – Krishnan Ramanujam | Vice-Chairman – Anant Maheshwari](#)



72. In July 2022, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated India's largest online herbarium database, the 'Indian Virtual Herbarium' web portal. The portal has been developed by the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) under the framework of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and 'Digital India'. The database created is the largest storage of information about plant diversity in India. An herbarium (Latin: hortus siccus) is a collection of plant samples with associated data preserved for long-term study. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhupender Yadav – inaugurated 'Indian Virtual Herbarium' web portal (India's largest online herbarium database)
- The portal is developed by – BSI (under the framework of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and 'Digital India')
- [HQs of BSI – Kolkata, West Bengal](#) | [Director – Ashiho Asosii Mao](#)

73. In July 2022, Pharmaceutical company Bajaj Healthcare Limited has become the first private player in India to be awarded a government contract for the highly-regulated Opium processing sector. That means the company can use opium to extract active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) used in medicines. Thane-based Bajaj Healthcare had received two letters from the central government to manufacture APIs from processing of unlanded poppy capsule as well as straw and opium gum. The contracts will be valid for a period of 5 years. The company said it will execute both tenders at their API manufacturing unit in Savli, Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bajaj Healthcare – became the first private player in India to be awarded a government contract for the highly-regulated Opium processing sector
- [HQs of Bajaj Healthcare – Thane, Maharashtra](#)

74. To commemorate 75 years of Independence, a nationwide campaign called 'Har Ghar Tiranga' is launched in which 20 Cr houses and 100 Cr people were supposed to hoist the National Flag in at their houses between August 13 and 15. To make things easy for the citizens, the central government modified the "Flag Code of India, 2002", to allow the tricolour to be displayed in the open and on individual houses/buildings day and night. Before this modification, the flag could be hoisted only between sunrise and sunset. In December 2021, the Flag Code of India was modified, allowing the use of polyester apart from cotton, wool, silk and khadi for making flags. On January 26, 2002, the Flag Code of India came into effect. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A nationwide campaign 'Har Ghar Tiranga' was launched to commemorate 75 years of Independence
- Central Govt modified "Flag Code of India, 2002", to allow the flag to be displayed in the open & on individual houses/buildings day & night
- 'Flag Code of India' came into effect – on January 26, 2002

75. In July 2022, the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) barred hotels and restaurants from levying service charge automatically or by default in food bills and allowed customers to file complaints in case of violation. The consumer may lodge a complaint against the violator hotel or restaurants on the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) - 1915 or through NCH mobile app. The Ministry highlighted that the consumer may also file a complaint against unfair trade practice with the Consumer Commission through "e-Daakhil" portal for its speedy redressal. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- CCPA – barred hotels & restaurants from levying service charge automatically in food bills & allowed customers to file complaints in case of violation
- The consumer may lodge a complaint through National Consumer Helpline (NCH) - 1915 or through NCH mobile app
- Consumer can also file a complaint against unfair trade practice with Consumer Commission through “e-Daakhil” portal
- [HQs of CCPA – New Delhi](#)

76. On July 17, National Legal Services Authority Chairman, Uday Umesh Lalit launched India’s first AI-powered digital Lok Adalat by the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA). The digital Lok Adalat was designed and developed by its technology partner Jupitice Justice Technologies. A NITI Aayog report suggested that it would take approximately 324 years to dispose all cases pending in India. 75-97% of legal problems never reach the courts. The Digital Lok Adalat will be used to dispose of pending disputes or disputes that are at the pre-litigation stage. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uday Umesh Lalit – launched India’s first AI-powered digital Lok Adalat by Rajasthan
- Digital Lok Adalat was designed & developed by – Jupitice Justice Technologies
- NITI Aayog report: It would take approximately 324 years to dispose all cases pending in India
- [Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur](#) | [CM – Ashok Gehlot](#) | [Governor – Kalraj Mishra](#)

77. On July 19, Jawaharlal Nehru Port became the first major port of India to become 100% Landlord port having all berths being operated on Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) model. JNP is one of the leading container ports of India and is ranked 26th among the top 100 global port, as per the “Lloyds List Top 100 Ports 2021” report. Total handling of JNPCT will increase to 1.8 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) from the present handling capacity of 1.5 million TEUs in 2020-21. This will reinforce JNPA’s position as the ‘Premier container port of India’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JNP – became the first major port of India to become 100% Landlord port having all berths being operated on PPP model
- JNP – ranked 26th among the top 100 global port as per the “Lloyds List Top 100 Ports 2021” report
- [Jawaharlal Nehru Port \(also known as Nhava Sheva Port\) – Maharashtra](#)

78. Civil Aviation Ministry is set to launch the “DIGI YATRA” project, aimed at achieving contactless, seamless processing of passengers, at two airports - Varanasi and Bengaluru, in August 2022 as part of its first phase. In its second phase, the DIGI YATRA project will be launched at 5 airports - Pune, Vijayawada, Delhi, Kolkata and Hyderabad, by March 2023. The contactless and seamless processing of passengers will be achieved via the Facial Recognition Technology (FRT). The system, also known as Digi Yatra Central Ecosystem (DYCE), provides for decentralised mobile wallet-based identity management platform. The DYCE system was formed by the Digi Yatra Foundation (DYF). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Civil Aviation Ministry – set to launch the “DIGI YATRA” project for contactless processing of passengers
- As part of 1st phase, the project will be launched at 2 airports in – Varanasi & Bengaluru
- As part of 2nd phase, the project will be launched at 5 airports – Pune, Vijayawada, Delhi, Kolkata & Hyderabad
- [Ministry of Civil Aviation: Jyotiraditya M. Scindia](#) | [Constituency – Guna, Madhya Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Civil Aviation: V. K. Singh](#)



79. On July 18, Union Minister Jitendra Singh launched the “National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutions (NSCSTI)” at Capacity Building Commission’s (CBC) headquarters in New Delhi, aimed at elevating their quality and capacity. With this, India became the first country in the world to come out with a unique model to create standards for Civil Service Training Institutions at national level. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jitendra Singh – launched the “National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutions (NSCSTI)” in New Delhi
- India – became the first country in the world to create standards for Civil Service Training Institutions at national level
- [MoS for the PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions: Dr. Jitendra Singh](#)

80. On July 18, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) set up a 29-member committee that will look into how to make the minimum support price (MSP) more effective and transparent. Besides, it will also suggest measures to promote zero-budget natural farming and crop diversification to fulfil the changing needs of the country. The committee will be headed by former Agriculture Secretary Sanjay Agrawal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoA&FW – set up a 29-member committee to make the MSP more effective and transparent
- The committee will be headed by former Agriculture Secretary – Sanjay Agrawal
- [Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Narendra Singh Tomar | Constituency – Morena, Madhya Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Shobha Karandlaje & Kailash Choudhary](#)

81. On July 20, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, inaugurated Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD), Emergency Panic Button System, and Command Control Centre of the State Transport Department for the public. This VLTD has been connected with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) 112. With this, the vehicle registered in Himachal Pradesh and equipped with this device could be tracked anywhere in the country. This has made Himachal Pradesh the first state in the country to launch such an initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jai Ram Thakur (HP) inaugurated:
 - Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD)
 - Emergency Panic Button System
 - Command Control Centre of the State Transport Department for the public
- Himachal Pradesh – the first state in India to launch VLTD, connected with ‘ERSS 112’
- [Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar](#)

82. On July 20, the Supreme Court accepted the report of the Jayantkumar Banthia Commission paving way for reservation for OBCs in Local Body Elections in Maharashtra. The Commission, in its report, recommended that OBCs should be given up to 27% reservation in local bodies. The Supreme Court’s decision to accept a similar report from Madhya Pradesh to provide reservation to OBCs also helped Maharashtra’s bid. The previous tripartite Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government had appointed a dedicated commission under former Chief Secretary Jayant Banthia in March 2022 after the Supreme Court rejected the State Backward Class Commission (SBCC) report citing several lacunae. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SC accepted the report of Jayantkumar Banthia Commission for reservation for OBCs in Local Body Elections in MH
- The commission recommended that OBCs should be given up to 27% reservation in local bodies
- [Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari](#)



83. Over 1.6 lakh Indians renounced their citizenship in 2021, highest in the past 5 years, according to information provided by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in the Lok Sabha on July 19. Over 78,000 Indians acquired U.S. citizenship by giving up Indian citizenship, the highest among all other countries. According to the MHA sources, the issue of citizenship comes under 'Union List' in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Home Affairs: 1.6 lakh Indians renounced their citizenship in 2021, highest in the past 5 years
- Over 78,000 Indians acquired U.S. citizenship, the highest among all other countries
- Citizenship comes under 'Union List' in the 7th Schedule of the Constitution
- [Ministry of Home Affairs: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Home Affairs: Nityanand Rai, Ajay Kumar & Nisith Pramanik](#)

84. On July 18, the Supreme Court announced that Minority status of religious and linguistic communities is "State-dependent" as every person in India can be a minority in one State or the other. 'Article 29' and 'Article 30' of the Indian Constitution give special protection to minorities in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Supreme Court announced Minority status of religious & linguistic communities as "State-dependent"
- 'Article 29' & 'Article 30' of the Indian Constitution give special protection to minorities in India
- [Present Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court of India – Justice N. V. Ramana \(48th\) | Uday Umesh Lalit \(from Aug 27\)](#)

85. As on July 23, Burhanpur also known as the 'Darwaza of Dakhin' (Gateway of Deccan) in Madhya Pradesh became the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified district in India. Only 37,241 rural households (36.54%) out of a total of 1,01, 905 households in Burhanpur had potable drinking water through tap connections at the time of the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission on August 15, 2019. It has been done within a span of 34 months. Village Water and Sanitation Committee (VWSC) has been formed in all 254 villages. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Burhanpur (MP) – also known as the 'Darwaza of Dakhin' became the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified district in India
- [Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel](#)

86. From July 25 to 30, Ministry of Power organized "Ujjwal Bharat - Ujjwal Bhavishi" festival in Goa. The Bijli Mahotsavs were celebrated all over the country under the umbrella of "Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya - Power @2047" for more public participation and getting across the developments in the power sector to the citizens at large. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Power – organized "Ujjwal Bharat - Ujjwal Bhavishi" festival in Goa
- Bijli Mahotsavs – celebrated under the umbrella of "Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya - Power @2047"
- [Ministry of Power and Ministry New & Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh | Constituency – Arrah, Bihar](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Power: Krishan Pal Gurjar](#)

87. In July 2022, at least 65 cases of black fever or 'kala-azar' have been reported from 11 districts of West Bengal. Earlier, Kala Azar was practically eradicated from West Bengal. Black fever is mainly transmitted by bites of sandflies infected with the parasite 'Leishmania donovani'. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- West Bengal – reported at least 65 cases of ‘Black fever’ or ‘Kala-azar’ from its 11 districts
- Black fever is mainly transmitted by bites of sandflies infected with the parasite ‘Leishmania donovani’
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – La. Ganesan

88. On July 21, the running and maintenance of ships of the Union Territory (UT) of Lakshadweep have been handed over to the Shipping Corporation of India to improve shipping operations. Of the five ships in service for the people of Lakshadweep and connecting people between islands and Kochi, two are undergoing repairs. Lakshadweep administration had facilitated hassle-free movement of Hajj Pilgrims through special voyages and requirements of students, for attending exams, have also been taken care of by coordinating with the education department. [{Read more}](#).

Key Points:

- The running & maintenance of ships of the UT of Lakshadweep – handed over to Shipping Corporation of India
- Lakshadweep: Capital – Kavaratti | Administrator – Praful Patel
- HQs of SCI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman & MD – Atul Ubale

89. As on July 25, only 4 states have adopted “Model Tenancy Act (MTA)” since the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) circulated it on June 7, 2021. Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Assam have revised Tenancy Laws on the lines of MTA. Model Tenancy Act aims to promote rental housing by balancing and protecting the interests of both the tenants and landlords by regulating renting of premises in an efficient and transparent manner through an adjudicating mechanism for speedy dispute resolution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Model Tenancy Act (MTA)” – circulated by MoHUA on June 7, 2021
- Only 4 states have adopted MTA – Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Assam
- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri | Constituency – Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs: Kaushal Kishore

90. On July 20, Ministry of Commerce & Industry prohibited the import of human embryos in accordance with the ‘Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act, 2021’ and the ‘Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021’. Earlier, the imports were prohibited except for research purposes based on the guidelines of the Department of Health Research. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Commerce & Industry – prohibited the import of human embryos
- It is done in accordance with ‘Assisted Reproductive Technology Act, 2021’ & ‘Surrogacy Act, 2021’
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Anupriya Singh Patel & Som Parkash

91. In July 2022, Kerala, which slipped to the 8th place in holding the sittings of the State Assembly during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, got back to the 1st place in 2021, with its House sitting for 61 days, the highest for any State. Despite enjoying the record of having the highest number of sittings during 2021 for any State legislature, Kerala had promulgated 144 ordinances, also the highest in the country in 2021. Odisha & Karnataka followed Kerala with 43 & 40 sitting days, respectively. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Kerala – got the 1st position of having highest number of days (61) sittings in 2021 for any State legislature (8th in 2020)
- 2nd – Odisha | 3rd – Karnataka
- Kerala – promulgated 144 ordinances, the highest in India in 2021
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

92. In July 2022, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has launched a new mobile app named “AadhaarFaceRd” to perform face authentication through mobile app from anywhere and at any time. Now, Aadhaar holders no longer need to carry physical identification by using Iris and Fingerprint scans by physically visiting their local Aadhaar enrollment centre. Aadhaar holders’ identities can be stored in the Central Identity Data Repository using face authentication, according to the UIDAI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UIDAI – launched a new mobile app “AadhaarFaceRd” to perform face authentication through mobile app
- HQs of UIDAI – New Delhi | CEO – Saurabh Garg | Founded on – January 28, 2009

93. On July 20, the Commerce Ministry announced that Work from Home (WFH) is allowed for a maximum period of 1 year in a Special Economic Zone unit and can be extended to 50% of total employees. In this regard, the Department of Commerce notified a new ‘Rule 43A’ for WFH in ‘Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Work from Home’ is allowed for a maximum period of 1 year in a SEZ unit
- Department of Commerce – notified a new ‘Rule 43A’ for WFH in ‘Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006’ in this regard
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Anupriya Singh Patel & Som Parkash

94. On July 22, Chandigarh, in association with Chandigarh State Aids Control Society and Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP), has opened a Legal Services Clinic named ‘Samta Nyay Kendra’, exclusively to provide legal services to transgender community. It is opened under the “National Legal Services Authority (Legal Services Clinics) Regulations, 2011”. The objective of this Kendra is to provide counselling and help the transgenders in redressal of their legal grievances. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chandigarh + Chandigarh State Aids Control Society + APSWDP = opened ‘Samta Nyay Kendra’
- Samta Nyay Kendra – a Legal Services Clinic to provide legal services to transgender community
- It is opened under the “National Legal Services Authority (Legal Services Clinics) Regulations, 2011”
- Chandigarh: Capital – Chandigarh | Administrator – Banwarilal Purohit

95. On July 25, Parshottam Rupala, Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAHD), launched “NDDB MRIDA Limited”, a wholly-owned subsidiary company of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), for manure management initiatives across India. NDDB has established NDDB MRIDA Limited, an Unlisted Public Limited Company under the ‘Companies Act, 2013’ on July 1, 2022 as with the paid-up capital of Rs. 9.50 Crore. NDDB Mrida Ltd will open avenues of additional income to dairy farmers from sale of slurry/dung. On this occasion, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, MoS in MoFAHD, launched a brochure on NDDB MRIDA Limited and Dr. L. Murugan, MoS in MoFAHD, handed over NDDB’s “SUDHAN” trademark to Sandeep Bharti, newly appointed Chairman & MD of NDDB MRIDA Limited. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Parshottam Rupala – launched “NDDDB MRIDA Limited” for manure management initiatives across India
- HQs of NDDDB MRIDA Limited – Anand, Gujarat | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bharti
- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Parshottam Rupala | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan & Dr. L. Murugan

96. On July 23, Union Minister of Ayush Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated “Vaccination Centre for Children” at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi. He also launched the “Bal Raksha” mobile app, which is aimed at creating awareness of paediatric preventive healthcare through Ayurveda intervention amongst parents. The app will also collect feedback from parents regarding the impact of the kit on their children’s health and immunity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sarbananda Sonowal – inaugurated “Vaccination Centre for Children” at AIIA, New Delhi
- Sarbananda Sonowal – also launched the “Bal Raksha” mobile app
- Ministry of AYUSH: Sarbananda Sonowal | Constituency – Majuli, Assam
- MoS in Ministry of AYUSH: Munjapara Mahendrabhai

97. As of July 22, over 2,000 children have died in specialised adoption agencies since 2014, according to the Ministry of Women and Child Development. Total 27,085 children have been adopted since 2014. According to the data, as many as 132 children died in specialised adoption agencies in 2021-22. National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has developed an application namely “Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection (MASI)” for real-time monitoring of the Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and their inspection mechanism across the country. MASI enables unified inspections by Child Welfare Committees (CWCs), State Inspection Committees, District Inspection Committees, Members of Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs) and State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCRs) as laid down under the ‘JJ Act, 2015’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Over 2,000 children have died in specialised adoption agencies since 2014 (out of 27,085 adopted since 2014)
- In 2021-22, as many as 132 children died in specialised adoption agencies
- NCPCR – developed “Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection (MASI)” for real-time monitoring of the CCIs
- NCPCR – a statutory body under ‘section 3’ of the “CPCR Act, 2005”
- HQs of NCPCR – New Delhi | Chairman – Priyank Kanongoo | Motto – ‘भविष्यो रक्षति रक्षितः’

98. In July 2022, Tamil Nadu government established “District Climate Change Missions” in all 38 districts. The missions will be headed by the Collectors as Mission Directors. The District Forest Officers will function as Climate Officers. The missions will help to strengthen the government’s climate response at the grassroots. The Collectors will also work towards strengthening Climate Smart Villages and create bio-shields in the coastal areas. The government has initially sanctioned ₹3.80 Cr for 38 district missions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – established “District Climate Change Missions” in all 38 districts (headed by Collectors as Mission Directors)
- TN government has initially sanctioned ₹3.80 Cr for 38 district missions
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

99. In July 2022, the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) has decided to shut down the Blockchain and Crypto Assets Council (BACC). Government is still working on Crypto rules, as the Tax rules announced in Budget 2022 have severely affected the trading volumes of exchanges. As per the crypto tax rules, a flat 30% tax applies on income from crypto transfers while 1% TDS is also required to be levied during crypto transactions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IAMAI – decided to shut down the ‘Blockchain & Crypto Assets Council (BACC)’
- As per the Crypto Tax Rules, a flat 30% tax applies on income from crypto transfers while 1% TDS is also levied
- HQs of IAMAI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | President – Subho Ray | Chairman – Sanjay Gupta

100. On July 21, the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), has recommended Coastal Regulatory Zone (CRZ) clearance for the 8,100-Km long Myanmar/Malaysia-India-Singapore Transit (MIST) Submarine Cable System connecting Mumbai and Chennai in India. MIST is an international submarine cable communication network. Cable will traverse undersea to connect India with other Asian countries such as Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore. MIST cable system will provide secure reliable, robust and affordable telecom facilities in Asia. The main trunk route is from Tuas (Singapore) to Mumbai (India). The total cost of the MIST project was pegged at USD 400 million. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Expert Appraisal Committee (MoEFCC) – recommended ‘CRZ’ clearance for the 8100-Km long ‘MIST’ Submarine Cable System connecting Mumbai & Chennai
- MIST – an international submarine cable communication network | Cost of the MIST project – \$400 million
- Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan
- MoS in Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Ashwini Kumar Choubey

101. On the occasion of the 23rd Kargil Vijay Diwas, the ‘Kargil Vijay Diwas Motor Bike Expedition’, organised by the Indian Army, was culminated in Dras in Ladakh. The bike expedition was flagged off on July 18, 2022, by Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) from the National War Memorial, New Delhi, as a tribute to our bravehearts who made the supreme sacrifice for the motherland. The event was conducted under the aegis of the Northern Command of the Indian Army. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Kargil Vijay Diwas Motor Bike Expedition’ – organised by the Indian Army
- Flagged off from – New Delhi | Culminated in Dras, Ladakh
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande | Vice Chief – Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raj

102. On July 28, the government allowed companies to spend their CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) Funds on activities related to the ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ campaign. According to the Companies Act, firms with a net worth of Rs 500 Cr or more, or a turnover of Rs 1,000 Cr or above, or net profit of 5 Cr or more, are required to spend 2% of their average net profit of the preceding 3 years on CSR activities. Defaults are treated as a civil offence. Spending on CSR across states stood at Rs 24,864 Cr in the pandemic year of FY21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government allowed companies to spend their CSR Funds on activities related to the ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ campaign
- Eligible firms are required to spend 2% of their average net profit of the preceding 3 years on CSR activities
- Eligibility Criteria: Net worth of Rs 500 Cr or more, or a Turnover of Rs 1,000 Cr or above, or Net profit of 5 Cr or more



103. On July 27, the Union Cabinet approved a Rs 1.64 lakh Cr package to revive the state-owned telecom firm Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). The package included administrative allotment of 4G spectrum worth Rs 44,993 Cr. The government would fund a capex of ₹22,471 Cr over the next 4 years to “boost development and deployment of Atmanirbhar 4G stack”. In addition, Bharat Broadband Network Ltd (BBNL), which was set up to implement the ambitious BharatNet project, will be merged with BSNL. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union Cabinet approved a Rs 1.64 lakh Cr package to revive BSNL (included 4G spectrum allotment worth Rs 44,993 Cr)
- Bharat Broadband Network Ltd (BBNL) – will be merged with BSNL
- [HQs of BSNL – New Delhi](#) | [CMD – Pravin Kumar Purwar](#)

104. On July 28, Google Maps has launched ‘Street View’ feature in India in collaboration with Tech Mahindra and Genesys International, under the Guidelines of the National Geospatial Policy (NGP). The NGP was unveiled in 2021. For the first time in the world, this service will be handled completely by local partners. The service for a 360-degree view of streets, tourist spots, and landmarks is launched in 10 cities initially. The collaboration plans to expand the service to more than 50 cities by the end of 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google Maps + Tech Mahindra + Genesys International = launched ‘Street View’ feature in 10 cities of India
- [HQs of Google – California, US](#) | [CEO – Sundar Pichai](#) | [Founded in – 1998](#)
- [HQs of Tech Mahindra – Pune, Maharashtra](#) | [MD & CEO – Chander Prakash Gurnani](#)
- [HQs of Genesys International – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [President – Sudhir Pradhan](#)

105. On July 29, PM Narendra Modi launched India’s first International Bullion Exchange namely “India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX)”, and “NSE IFSC-SGX Connect” at Gandhinagar’s GIFT city in Gujarat. India is the world’s second biggest consumer of gold and the move to set up the IIBX is seen as India’s effort to bring transparency to the market for the precious metal. India imported 1,069 tonnes of gold in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – launched “India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX)” & “NSE IFSC-SGX Connect” at GIFT City, Gujarat
- India – world’s second biggest consumer of gold & imported 1,069 tonnes of gold in 2021
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar](#) | [CM – Bhupendra Patel](#) | [Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat](#)

106. On July 25, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal launched the “Smart e-beat” system, and flagged off 119 motorcycle riders of the Gurugram police for police attendance. This is a GIS-based system which would enable more effective monitoring of patrolling to help track the location of riders. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana – launched the “Smart e-beat” system in Gurugram for police attendance & effective monitoring of patrolling
- [Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh](#) | [CM – Manohar Lal Khattar](#) | [Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya](#)

107. On July 27, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) extended the deadline for commencing the validation of all KYC records by KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs), by 3 months to November 1, 2022. This is the second time, when the SEBI has extended the deadline. The KYC records of all existing clients, who have used Aadhaar as an Officially Valid Document (OVD), will be validated within a period of 180 days from November 1. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- SEBI – extended the deadline for commencing the validation of all KYC records by KRAs to November 1, 2022
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992

108. On July 28, Gujarat government became the first state in India to announce a dedicated “Gujarat Semiconductor Policy 2022-27” with a view to generate at least 2,00,000 new employment opportunities during a period of 5 years. In addition, the state proposes to develop a special “Semicon City” which would be part of the Dholera Special Investment Region (DSIR). The main objective of the policy is to make Gujarat a pioneer in developing the Electronics System Design & Manufacturing (ESDM) ecosystem. Under the policy, Gujarat will provide additional capital assistance at 40% of the capex assistance extended by the Centre for the projects approved under India Semiconductor Mission (ISM). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – India’s first state to announce a dedicated “Gujarat Semiconductor Policy 2022-27”
- Gujarat – also proposes to develop a special “Semicon City” as part of Dholera Special Investment Region
- Gujarat will provide additional capital assistance at 40%
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

109. As per the information given by Power Minister R. K. Singh in a written reply in the Lok Sabha, India had an installed capacity of Electricity Generation of around 403 GW as on June 30, 2022. Mr. Singh said this is sufficient to meet the Peak Power Demand of the country of around 215.89 GW which had occurred in April, 2022. The Central Government had launched “Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY)” in 2015 with the objective of the financial and operational turnaround of the State-owned Power Distribution Companies (DISCOMs). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India has an installed capacity of Electricity Generation of around 403 GW as on June 30, 2022
- “Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY)” – launched in 2015

110. In July 2022, while addressing the “National Family Planning Summit 2022”, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar said India has achieved replacement level fertility, with as many as 31 States/Union Territories, reaching a Total Fertility Rate of 2.1 or less. Between 2012 and 2020, India added more than 1.5 Crore additional users for modern contraceptives thereby increasing their use substantially. Dr. Pawar also introduced the National Family Planning helpline manual, Community Health Officer (CHO) booklet, and ASHA brochure and leaflet (Family Planning). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharati Pravin Pawar – addressed the “National Family Planning Summit 2022”
- India has achieved replacement level fertility, with as many as 31 States/UTs, reaching a Total Fertility Rate of 2.1 or less

111. On July 28, in a written statement tabled in Rajya Sabha, Union Women & Child Development Minister Smriti Irani said India aims at reducing stunting and under-nutrition (underweight prevalence) among children under 6 years by 2% per annum. It aims to reduce low birth weight by 2% per annum, and anaemia among children between 6 and 59 months, as well as women and adolescent girls from 15 to 49 years, by 3% per annum. According to findings of the ‘2019-21 National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5)’, among Children under 5, stunting has reduced to 35.5%, wasting to 19.3% and underweight prevalence to 32.1%. Bihar has the highest number of underweight children (41%), followed by Gujarat (39.7%), and Jharkhand at (39.4%). Maharashtra has the highest number of wasted children (weight for height) at 25.6%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India aims to reduce:
 - Stunting & under-nutrition among children (Under 6) by 2% per annum
 - Low birth weight by 2% per annum
 - Anaemia among children (6 to 59 months) and Women & Adolescent girls (15 to 49 years) by 3% per annum
- According to the '2019-21 National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5)': (among Children Under 5)
 - Stunting (35.5%), Wasting (19.3%), Underweight Prevalence (32.1%)
- Highest number of underweight children – Bihar (41%) | Highest number of wasted children – Maharashtra (25.6%)

112. On July 28, the Punjab government signed an agreement for becoming a member of the prestigious Global Network called 'Under2 Coalition' to address the issues of climate change. With this, Punjab has become a member of the largest network of 221 states of 43 countries committed to reducing carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions in line with the Paris Agreement, adopted during the 'UNFCCC-COP 21' in 2015. The Under2 Coalition started as a Memorandum of Understanding, which was signed by 12 founding jurisdictions on May 19, 2015 in Sacramento, California. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Punjab – signed an agreement to become a member of the 'Under2 Coalition' to address the issues of climate change
- Under2 Coalition – started on May 19, 2015 (after an MoU signed by 12 founding jurisdictions in California, US)
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Bhagwant Mann | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

113. On July 28, Indus International School in Hyderabad introduced India's first teaching robot named "Eagle", as part of its collaborative learning model. As many as 21 highly interactive Eagle Robots were deployed at three Indus schools in Hyderabad, Bangalore and Pune. The robot is said to be capable of teaching students of grades V to XI, in the classroom along with the teacher and also in a standalone mode. They can impart education in more than 30 different languages. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indus International School (Hyderabad) – introduced India's 1st teaching robot named "Eagle" for grades 5 to 11
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

114. To commemorate the victory of Indian armed forces and pay tribute to the supreme sacrifice of the gunners in 'Operation Vijay', the area 'Point 5140' at Drass in Kargil has been renamed as 'Gun Hill'. Point 5140 is a strategically important mountain peak in the Dras sector of Ladakh. On July 26, 1999, the Indian Army announced the successful culmination of 'Operation Vijay', declaring victory after a nearly three-month-long battle with Pakistani troops on the icy heights of Kargil in Ladakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Point 5140' area – renamed as 'Gun Hill'
- Point 5140 – a strategically important mountain peak in Dras sector of Kargil, Ladakh
- Indian Army announced the successful culmination of 'Operation Vijay' on July 26, 1999
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur



115. In July 2022, the Supreme Court directed Uttar Pradesh to take action on the recommendations made in the report submitted by a 3-member inquiry commission headed by former Supreme Court judge Justice (Retd) to probe into the encounter of gangster Vikas Dubey. The 3-member bench include Chief Justice of India N. V. Ramana, Justices Krishna Murari and Hima Kohli. Dubey was killed in an encounter on July 10, 2020, when a police vehicle carrying him from Ujjain to Kanpur met with an accident. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SC directed UP to take action on the recommendations of ‘B. S. Chauhan Commission’ on encounter of Vikas Dubey
- The 3-member bench is headed by – Justice B. S. Chauhan (former SC judge)
- [UP: Capital – Lucknow](#) | [CM – Yogi Adityanath](#) | [Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

116. On July 29, the second anniversary of the “National Education Policy (NEP) 2020” in New Delhi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced several initiatives including - a National Innovation & Entrepreneurship Promotion Policy for schools, introduction of 75 ‘Bharatiya Games’ in schools, launch of ‘Kalashala initiative’ in 750 schools to help students discover India’s rich cultural heritage, a Public Consultation Survey to seek suggestions for the new National Curriculum Framework for schools, etc. The NEP was launched by the government on July 29, 2020. Moreover, on this occasion, Arunachal Pradesh government signed a tripartite MoU with NITI Aayog and Reach to Teach Foundation for a large-scale transformation in School Education in the state. The school education transformation project is under NITI Aayog’s ‘Development Support Services for States (DSSS)’ initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- On the 2nd anniversary of ‘NEP 2020’, Amit Shah announced:
 - National Innovation & Entrepreneurship Promotion Policy for schools
 - Introduction of 75 ‘Bharatiya Games’ in schools
 - Launch of ‘Kalashala initiative’ in 750 schools
 - Public Consultation Survey to seek suggestions for the new National Curriculum Framework for schools
- Arunachal Pradesh + NITI Aayog + Reach to Teach = an MoU for a large-scale transformation in School Education

117. On July 30, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Electronics and IT, started a daylong event to celebrate “8 Years of MyGov” in New Delhi. The event celebrated the journey of the world’s largest platform for participatory governance which has nearly 2.5 Cr registered citizens. The minister also launched ‘Responsible AI for Youth 2022’ which was created by the National E-Governance Division (NeGD) in collaboration with Intel India and the support of the Ministry of Education. The Program will be open to all school students studying in classes 8-12 across India to foster a deeper understanding of AI-tech. MyGov (mygov.in), the Government of India’s citizen engagement platform, was launched on July 26, 2014 by PM Narendra Modi and has been built on 3 pillars of ‘Do’, ‘Discuss’ and ‘Disseminate’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashwini Vaishnaw – started an event to celebrate “8 Years of MyGov” in New Delhi on July 30
- He launched ‘Responsible AI for Youth 2022’ | Created by = NeGD + Intel India + Ministry of Education
- The program is for all school students studying in classes 8-12 across India
- MyGov platform: Launched by Narendra Modi – on July 26, 2014 (built on 3 pillars – ‘Do’, ‘Discuss’ & ‘Disseminate’)
- [Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnaw](#) | [Constituency – Odisha](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Rajeev Chandrasekhar](#)



118. On July 29, PM Narendra Modi virtually participated in the Grand Finale marking the culmination of “Ujjwal Bharat, Ujjwal Bhavishya - Power @2047” programme that took place from July 25-30, 2022 as part of the ongoing ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ to showcase the transformation in the power sector achieved in the last 8 years. During the programme, PM Modi launched the “Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme” which aims to provide financial assistance to DISCOMs for modernization and strengthening of distribution infrastructure. The PM also dedicated and laid the foundation stone of various Green Energy projects of NTPC worth over Rs 5,200 Crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – participated in the Grand Finale marking the culmination of “Ujjwal Bharat, Ujjwal Bhavishya - Power @2047” programme
- PM Modi – launched the “Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme” during the event
- Narendra Modi – laid the foundation stone of various Green Energy projects of NTPC worth over Rs 5,200 Cr

119. As on July 31, Tata is planning to spend Rs 3,000 Cr on Research & Development to create a ‘First in India’ 180 degrees rotating seats for Vande Bharat express. The company is also targeting to be among the top 5 technology firms in the Global Steel Industry by 2030. Vande Bharat Express, also known as Train 18, is the second fastest train in India, which operates at a speed of 130 km/hr. Besides, Tata Steel is setting up a Greenfield Facility at Khopoli, Maharashtra, in collaboration with a technology partner from the Netherlands. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata – to spend Rs 3,000 Cr on R&D to create a ‘First in India’ 180 degrees rotating seats for Vande Bharat express
- Tata – also targeting to be among the top 5 technology firms in the Global Steel Industry by 2030
- Vande Bharat Express is also known as ‘Train 18’ | Speed – 130 km/hr
- Tata Steel – is setting up a Greenfield Facility at Khopoli, Maharashtra
- HQs of Tata Steel Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – T. V. Narendran
- Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

120. On July 29, the Central government has decided to reduce resolution time of public grievances, raised on a dedicated portal, to a maximum of 30 days from the existing 45 days. Besides, it has been decided that a complaint received from a citizen will not be closed until an appeal filed against it is disposed of. Moreover, DARPG, under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, has undertaken a comprehensive reform of the “Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS)”, an online portal that allows people to raise complaint against government bodies, to make it more responsive to the needs of the citizens. Last year, the DARPG had reduced the maximum time limit to 45 days from 60 days to resolve public grievances. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central government – decided to reduce resolution time of public grievances from the existing 45 days to 30 days
- DARPG undertook a comprehensive reform of “Centralised Public Grievance Redress & Monitoring System”
- “CPGRAMS” – an online portal that allows people to raise complaint against Government Bodies
- DARPG – works under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions



121. On July 31, Ellora Caves, the UNESCO world heritage site in Maharashtra's Aurangabad district, will become the first monument in India to have a Hydraulic Lift. Ellora is the one of the largest rock-cut temple complexes in the world, housing Hindu, Buddhist and Jain sculptures, and witnesses the highest tourist footfall in the region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ellora Caves ([Maharashtra](#)) – will become the first monument in India to have a Hydraulic Lift
- Ellora Caves – the UNESCO world heritage site in Aurangabad, Maharashtra

122. On July 28, Aurangabad has become the first in India to officially publish the Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE) data from Google. EIE dashboard for Aurangabad was launched by Google at a programme in New Delhi. The data will help research organizations in framing sustainable solutions for the city. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aurangabad – became 1st in India to officially publish the Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE) data from Google
- 'EIE Dashboard' for Aurangabad was launched by Google at a programme in New Delhi
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998



International Affairs

1. On July 5, all 30 Ambassadors of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) signed the Accession Protocols for Finland and Sweden at NATO's headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. All of NATO's 30 member countries hold the power to veto a new member. Turkey was initially proving to be an obstruction to the entry of Finland and Sweden into NATO. But all three countries recently signed a "trilateral memorandum" to extend their full support against threats to each other's security. Moreover, Japan participated in the NATO summit for the first time. Japanese Prime Minister, Fumio Kishida attended the summit, in June 2022. The '2022 NATO Summit' was held in Madrid, Spain. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- '2022 NATO Summit' – held in Madrid, Spain
- All 30 members of NATO – signed the 'Accession Protocols' for Finland & Sweden
- Japan – participated in the NATO summit for the first time
- [HQs of NATO – Brussels, Belgium](#) | [Secretary General – Jens Stoltenberg](#) | [Member Countries – 30](#)

2. On July 4, Italy's Venice became the world's first city to announce an entry fee for the tourists, effective January 16, 2023. It will require tourists in Venice to pay anywhere between €3 (Rs 247) and €10 (Rs 823). This step is taken to tackle the problem of crowding and over tourism. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Venice (Italy) – became the world's first city to announce an entry fee for the tourists (effective Jan 16, 2023)
- [Italy – Rome – Euro](#) | [President – Sergio Mattarella](#) | [PM – Mario Draghi](#)

3. On July 5, Uganda announced the discovery of 31 million metric tonnes (MT) of gold deposits worth USD 12 Trillion in the country. In a bid to boost the country's economy, the Ugandan Government has licensed Wagagai Gold Mining Company, a Chinese firm to start producing gold products in the Busia district. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uganda – announced the discovery of 31 million metric tonnes (MT) of gold deposits worth USD 12 Trillion
- Ugandan Govt – licensed Wagagai Gold Mining Company (China) to start producing Gold products
- [Uganda – Kampala – Ugandan shilling](#) | [President – Yoweri Museveni](#)

4. In July 2022, Australian authorities have exterminated millions of Honeybees in a bid to prevent a potentially devastating parasitic plague affecting the southeast region of the country. The recent outbreak of the deadly "Varroa Mite", a sesame seed-sized parasite, poses a massive threat to Australia's multimillion-dollar Honey industry. The Varroa mite or Varroa destructor is a parasitic insect that attacks and feeds on honeybees. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Australia – exterminated millions of Honeybees in a bid to prevent a deadly parasitic plague "Varroa Mite"
- [Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar](#) | [PM – Anthony Albanese](#)

5. On July 5, the 30 NATO allies signed off on the accession protocols for Sweden and Finland, sending the membership bids of the two nations to the alliance capitals for legislative approvals. The 30 ambassadors and permanent representatives formally approved the decisions to invite Finland and Sweden to join the NATO. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- 30 NATO formally approved the decisions to invite Finland & Sweden to join the NATO
- HQs of NATO – Brussels, Belgium | Secretary General – Jens Stoltenberg | Member Countries – 30
- Finland – Helsinki – Euro | PM – Sanna Marin
- Sweden – Stockholm – Krona | PM – Magdalena Andersson

6. The 55-member African Union (AU) celebrated its 20th Establishment Anniversary on July 9, 2022. Ethiopia-based AU was announced in the Sirte Declaration in Sirte, Libya, on 9 September, 1999 and founded on July 9, 2002 in Durban, South Africa. The present Chairperson of the AU is Felix Antoine Tshisekedi from Democratic Republic of Congo. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 9, 2022 – 20th Establishment Anniversary of African Union (AU)
- HQs of AU – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia | Chairperson – Felix Antoine Tshisekedi | Members – 55 | Founded in – 2002

7. On July 7, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) approved the establishment of an “Interim Operational Hub”, its first overseas office in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Starting with 57 founding members in 2016, AIIB now has a total of 105 members. Former RBI Governor Urjit Patel is one its five Vice Presidents. Besides being the AIIB’s second largest shareholder after China, India has also secured USD 6.7 billion funding for 28 projects in recent years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIIB – approved the establishment of an “Interim Operational Hub” in Abu Dhabi, UAE
- India is the second largest shareholder in AIIB | 1st – China
- HQs of AIIB – Beijing, China | President – Jin Liqun | Established in – 2016 | Members – 105

8. In July 2022, the UNESCO has added the cooking of Ukrainian borscht to its list of endangered cultural traditions. It was inscribed on UNESCO’s list of ‘Intangible Cultural Heritage’ in need of urgent safeguarding. Borscht is a soup made of beetroot and other vegetables. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNESCO – added the cooking of Ukrainian borscht to its list of ‘Endangered Cultural Traditions’
- Borscht is a soup made of beetroot & other vegetables
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945 | Members – 193 Countries

9. On July 12, European Union Finance Ministers formally approved Croatia to become the 20th member of the Euro Common Currency (Euro Zone) from January, 2023. The conversion rate is set for entry at 1 Euro to 7.53450 Croatian kuna. Croatia has been an EU member since 2013. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Croatia – to become 20th member of the Euro Common Currency (Euro Zone) from January, 2023
- The conversion rate is set for entry at 1 Euro to 7.53450 Croatian kuna
- Croatia has been an EU member since 2013
- Croatia – Zagreb – Kuna | PM – Andrej Plenkovic | President – Zoran Milanovic



10. In July 2022, Bangladesh inaugurated its first campus based IT business incubator at Chattogram. The facility named 'Sheikh Kamal IT Business Incubator' was inaugurated by PM Sheikh Hasina at the Chittagong University of Engineering & Technology (CUET) in a virtual function. The incubator will provide a complete and innovative eco-system for startups in Bangladesh. The facility has been built over an area of 4.7 acre with a cost of Taka 113 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bangladesh – inaugurated its 1st campus based IT business incubator 'Sheikh Kamal IT Business Incubator' at Chattogram
- [Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka](#) | [PM – Sheikh Hasina](#) | [President – Abdul Hamid](#)

11. As US companies struggle to entice workers back to offices, the parliament of the Netherlands approved legislation to establish 'Work from Home' as a legal right, setting the Netherlands up to be one of the first countries to enshrine such flexibility in law. It still needs a nod from the Dutch senate before its final adoption. The law forces employers to consider employee requests to work from home as long as their professions allow it. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Netherlands – approved a legislation to establish 'Work from Home' as a legal right (first country to do so)
- [Netherlands – Amsterdam – Euro](#) | [PM – Mark Rutte](#)

12. On July 20, Indonesia recently announced 'Digital Nomad Visas' for travellers to attract foreign travellers, as it plans to boost its economic condition. This initiative will enable remote workers to stay in the country for a long time, and that too tax-free through Digital Nomad Visa. Digital Nomads are those who choose to work independently and remotely. They travel and work, and also choose to spend their income in the country they are travelling to. Indonesia's Digital Nomad Visa would be the longest digital nomad visa as it will be applicable for 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indonesia – announced 'Digital Nomad Visas' for travellers to attract foreign travellers (validity - 5 years)
- It will enable remote workers to stay in Indonesia for a long time, and that too tax-free through 'Digital Nomad Visa'

13. In July 2022, U.S. President Joe Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid signed a joint pledge "Jerusalem Declaration" to deny Iran nuclear arms. They will not allow Iran to acquire a nuclear weapon, according to Joe Biden. The Jerusalem Declaration further committed the United States and Israel to cooperating on defence projects such as laser interceptors, as well as on civilian technologies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Joe Biden (US) + Yair Lapid (Israel) = signed a joint pledge "Jerusalem Declaration" to deny Iran nuclear arms
- [US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar](#) | [46th President – Joe Biden](#) | [49th VP – Kamala Harris](#)
- [Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel](#) | [President – Isaac Herzog](#) | [PM – Yair Lapid](#)

14. In July 2022, the US House of Representatives passed a legislative amendment that exempts India from economic sanctions under the "Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA)". The CAATSA is a law that came into effect in the US in 2017, and was meant to punish countries having deep engagements with Russia, North Korea, and Iran using economic sanctions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US House of Representatives passed a legislative amendment to exempt India from economic sanctions under 'CAATSA'
- CAATSA – **C**ountering **A**merica's **A**dversaries **T**hrough **S**anctions **A**ct
- 'CAATSA' law came into effect in the US in 2017



15. On July 17, the UK government launched an “Aviation Passenger Charter” to help passengers know their rights if they face problems at airports. The new charter will help passengers know what to do if they are confronted by cancellations, delays or missing baggage. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UK – launched an “Aviation Passenger Charter” to help passengers know their rights if they face problems at airports
- [UK – London – Pound Sterling](#) | [PM – Boris Johnson](#)

16. On July 19, the European Investment Bank (EIB) joined India-led “Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)” to limit the destruction caused by climate change. EIB will work in partnership with national governments, UN agencies, multilateral development banks and the private sector to promote the rapid development of infrastructure resilient to climate change and natural disasters in countries at all stages of development. The CDRI was launched at the UN Climate Action Summit in 2019 at the initiative of India. Kamal Kishore, an Indian, is the co-chair of CDRI’s Executive Committee.

[{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EIB – joined India-led CDRI to limit the destruction caused by Climate Change
- CDRI was launched at the UN Climate Action Summit in 2019 at the initiative of India
- Kamal Kishore (India) – is the co-chair of CDRI’s Executive Committee
- [HQs of European Investment Bank – Luxembourg](#) | [President – Werner Hoyer](#)
- [HQs of CDRI – New Delhi](#) | [Member countries – 30](#) | [Launched by Narendra Modi \(in 2019\)](#)

17. Saudi Arabia is planning to build the world’s largest structure: two buildings reaching up to 1,600 feet in height and running parallel for 75 miles, as the documents accessed by The Wall Street Journal show. The Wall Street Journal claims that the skyscrapers, expected to cost a whopping \$1 trillion, will be made of mirrored glass, and are part of the project named ‘Mirror Line’. The Mirror Line is designed by the US-based Morphosis Architects. Mirror Line has been envisioned as the epicentre of the new desert city called “Neom”, which is being constructed as per Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman’s plans to set up a zero-carbon city in a 170-km line. Neom will be around the size of Massachusetts. As per documents, the two buildings will be connected via walkways, and a high-speed train will run underneath them. The project will reportedly house 5 million people. The prince has claimed he wants the Mirror Line to be ready by 2030, but engineers said it could take up to 50 years for completion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Saudi Arabia – to build world’s largest structure: two buildings reaching up to 1,600 feet in height & running parallel for 75 miles (Cost - \$1 trillion)
- The buildings will be made of mirrored glass & are part of the project ‘Mirror Line’
- Project ‘Mirror Line’ – will be the epicentre of the new desert city called “Neom”
- [Saudi Arab – Riyadh – Saudi Riyal](#) | [Saudi Crown Prince – Mohammed bin Salman](#)

18. On July 22, Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI) made announcement for international support worth nearly USD 160 million for the next 3 years to facilitate increased vaccine access to children at high risk of illness and death from malaria. Malaria remains a primary cause of childhood illness and death in sub-Saharan Africa. In 2020, nearly half a million African children died from malaria or 1 child died of malaria every minute, according to the WHO’s report. Since the world’s first malaria vaccine was introduced in 2019, it has been well accepted in African communities after a relatively short period of time. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- GAVI announced a \$160-million international support for the rollout of the 1st malaria vaccine in Africa for next 3 years
- World's first malaria vaccine was introduced in 2019

19. On July 20, the UK launched the world's first bioplastic vinyl record, which it hopes will reduce the need for highly toxic PVC. The new bioplastic vinyl by UK firm Evolution. Bioplastics are derived from sources such as sugars and starches rather than oil or gas, and do not create any toxic waste in their production. Currently, all vinyl records are made from Polyvinyl chloride (PVC), the most environmentally damaging plastic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UK – launched the world's first bioplastic vinyl record to reduce highly toxic PVC
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

20. On July 26, United Nations-backed agencies have issued guidelines to provide the first-ever “Global Policy Framework to Protect Children displaced due to Climate Change”. The Guiding Principles for Children on the Move in the Context of Climate Change contain a set of 9 principles that address the unique vulnerabilities of children who have been uprooted. The guidelines cover both internal as well cross-border migrations. The land-mark guidelines were launched by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), Georgetown University and the United Nations University. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UN-backed Agencies – launched the first “Global Policy Framework to Protect Children displaced due to Climate Change”
- UN-backed Agencies: IOM + UNICEF + Georgetown University + UN University
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945

21. On July 25, Zimbabwe's Central Bank has decided to launch gold coins called “Mosi-oa-tunya” to be sold to the public in a bid to control hyperinflation as the country's local currency dramatically loses value. ‘Mosi-oa-Tunya’ refers to ‘Victoria Falls’ in the local Tonga language. The coins will have liquid asset status, it will be capable of being easily converted to cash, and will be tradable locally and internationally. People holding the coins can only trade them for cash after 180 days from the date of buying. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Zimbabwe's Central Bank – to launch gold coins called “Mosi-oa-tunya” to be sold to the public to control hyperinflation
- ‘Mosi-oa-Tunya’ refers to ‘Victoria Falls’ in the local Tonga language
- Zimbabwe – Harare – Dollar | President – Emmerson Mnangagwa

22. In July 2022, A.P. Moller - Maersk A/S (simply known as Maersk) successfully completed the first “India-Bangladesh Cross-border Logistics of Containerised Cargo” using the inland waterways of the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route for Coca-Cola Bangladesh Beverages. With this, Maersk has created a new opportunity for customers to use the faster, more reliable inland waterways solution that connects the two countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maersk (Denmark) – successfully completed the first “India-Bangladesh Cross-border Logistics of Containerised Cargo”
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid



23. In July 2022, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared the global Monkeypox outbreak a 'Public Health Emergency of International Concern' (PHEIC), one step below that of 'Pandemic'. International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the WHO decides the seriousness of a public health crisis. This declaration is temporary and reviewed every 3 months. In India, the first case of Monkeypox was reported in Kerala. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WHO – declared the global Monkeypox outbreak a 'Public Health Emergency of International Concern'
- In India, the first case of Monkeypox was reported in Kerala
- [HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland](#) | [DG – Tedros Adhanom](#) | [Member Countries – 194](#) | [Founded in – 1948](#)

24. On July 25, the European Commission had given permission for Bavarian Nordic's "Imvanex" vaccine to be marketed as protection against Monkeypox. Globally, over 16,000 cases of monkeypox have been reported from 75 countries as of now. Imvanex is a non-replicating smallpox vaccine developed by Danish biotechnology company Bavarian Nordic in collaboration with the U.S. government. The approval is valid in all European Union Member States as well as in Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway. The vaccine was approved by the European Commission in 2013 for immunization against smallpox. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- European Commission – gave permission for Bavarian Nordic's "Imvanex" vaccine for protection against Monkeypox
- 'Imvanex' - a non-replicating Smallpox vaccine developed by Bavarian Nordic + US
- The vaccine was also approved by the European Commission in 2013 for immunization against 'Smallpox'
- [HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium](#) | [Member Countries – 27](#)
- [President of European Parliament – Roberta Metsola](#)
- [President of European Council – Charles Michel](#)
- [President of European Commission – Ursula von der Leyen](#)

25. On July 29, the United States and Japan decided to launch a new joint International Semiconductor Research Hub. The countries agreed during U.S and Japanese Economic Talks to work on joint research for next-generation semiconductors to establish a secure source of the vital components. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- United States + Japan = decided to launch a new joint 'International Semiconductor Research Hub'
- [Japan – Tokyo – Yen](#) | [PM – Fumio Kishida](#)
- [US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar](#) | [46th President – Joe Biden](#) | [49th VP – Kamala Harris](#)

26. On July 28, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared access to Clean & Healthy Environment as Universal Human Right. India voted for the resolution and pointed out that the resolutions do not create binding obligations. This right was not included in the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948". So, this is a historic resolution passed by the UNGA that will change the nature of International Human Rights Law. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNGA – declared access to Clean & Healthy Environment as Universal Human Right
- This right was not included in the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948"
- [HQs of UNGA – New York, US](#) | [President – Abdulla Shahid](#) | [Member Countries – 193](#)



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

1. On July 1, the government has transformed Banks Board Bureau (BBB) into Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) by making some amendments. Guidelines for selection of General Managers and Directors of public sector general insurance companies have been made part of FSIB. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of Bhanu Pratap Sharma as initial Chairperson of FSIB for a term of 2 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government transformed Banks Board Bureau (BBB) into Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)
- Bhanu Pratap Sharma – appointed as initial Chairperson of FSIB for 2 years

2. On July 2, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) and National Health Authority (NHA) will develop a “National Health Claims Exchange” as a digital platform to settle cashless health insurance claims faster. Chairman of IRDAI, Debashish Panda, proposed the creation of a working group with representation from the industry. The group will decide how to make the largest segment of general insurance in India attract more people to buy Health Insurance. The NHA is an apex body responsible for implementing India’s flagship public health insurance scheme namely “Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IRDAI + NHA = will develop a “National Health Claims Exchange” to settle cashless health insurance claims faster
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Debasish Panda
- HQs of NHA – New Delhi | CEO – Ram Sevak Sharma | Founded in – 2018

3. On July 2, Indian Bank signed an MoU with the Government of Haryana for the distribution of mobile phones to consumers through e-unified payment interface (e-upi) system. Mobile distribution melas would be organised by the bank in Haryana under this initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Bank + Haryana = an MoU for the distribution of mobile phones to consumers through e-UPI system
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – Shanti Lal Jain | Tagline – “Your Own Bank”
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

4. On July 1, Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has extended the deadline for the introduction of Demat Debit and Pledging Instruction (DDPI) system, by 2 months, from July 1 to September 1, 2022. The new DDPI system is designed to prevent misuse of client securities by brokers. It does away with the erstwhile power of attorney (POA) system, which was prone to misuse. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – extended deadline for the introduction of Demat Debit & Pledging Instruction (DDPI) system – to Sep 1, 2022
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992

5. On July 4, HDFC Bank received the Reserve Bank of India’s approval for its merger with Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Ltd. On April 4, HDFC Bank agreed to take over the HDFC in a deal valued at about USD 40 billion. Once the deal is effective, HDFC Bank will be 100% owned by public shareholders. This merger would be the largest in Indian corporate history and the new HDFC entity with a \$169 billion m-cap will be among the 10 most valued banks in the world and the second-largest most valued corporate entity in India. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- HDFC Bank – received the RBI’s approval for its merger with HDFC Ltd
- In April, HDFC Bank agreed to take over the HDFC in a deal valued at about \$40 billion
- New HDFC entity with a \$169 billion m-cap will be among the 10 most valued banks in the world
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”
- HQs of HDFC Ltd – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Deepak Parekh | VC & CEO – Keki Mistry

6. As on July 2022, Frauds in the banking sector, involving sums of over Rs 100 Cr, have declined significantly, as banks have reported cases worth Rs 41,000 Cr in 2021-22, compared to Rs 1.05 lakh Cr in the previous year. According to official data, the number of fraud cases in private (38) as well as public sector banks (80) dropped to a total of 118 in FY22, compared to 265 in FY 2020-21. Earlier this year, State Bank of India (SBI) reported one of the biggest bank frauds in the country totalling Rs 22,842 Cr, perpetrated by ABG Shipyard and their promoters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Banks reported fraud cases worth – Rs 41,000 Cr in FY22 (compared to Rs 1.05 lakh Cr in FY21)
- The number of bank fraud cases dropped to – 118 in FY22 (38 in Private Banks + 80 in PSB)
- In 2022, SBI – reported one of the biggest bank frauds in India worth Rs 22,842 Cr (perpetrated by ABG Shipyard)

7. In July 2022, SBI Card launched ‘Aditya Birla SBI Card’, a highly rewarding lifestyle credit card, in a strategic partnership with Aditya Birla Finance Ltd (ABFL). The card has been designed to give customers significant reward points on their spending around telecom, fashion, travel, dining, entertainment, and hotels, among others. The rewards-centric credit card has been launched in two variants - ‘Aditya Birla SBI Card SELECT’ and ‘Aditya Birla SBI Card’, on the Visa platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI Card + Aditya Birla Finance = launched ‘Aditya Birla SBI Card’, a highly rewarding lifestyle credit card on Visa platform
- The card is launched in two variants – ‘Aditya Birla SBI Card SELECT’ and ‘Aditya Birla SBI Card’
- HQs of SBI Cards & Payment Services Ltd – Gurgaon, Haryana | MD & CEO – Rama Mohan Rao Amara
- HQs of Visa – Foster City, California | CEO – Alfred F. Kelly | Founded in – 1958

8. On July 4, Edelweiss General Insurance launched “SWITCH”, a comprehensive motor insurance product under Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority’s (IRDAI) Sandbox initiative. SWITCH is a completely digital, mobile telematics-based motor policy. What makes SWITCH truly unique is that it allows customers to save money if they are driving well. This usage-based model measures not only the quantity but also the quality of driving and calculates premium accordingly. This policy is based on the concept of ‘Drive less, pay less; Drive better, pay less’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Edelweiss General Insurance – launched “SWITCH”, a motor insurance product under IRDAI’s Sandbox initiative
- This policy is based on the concept of ‘Drive less, pay less; Drive better, pay less’
- HQs of EGI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO & Executive Director – Shanai Ghosh

9. On July 5, SBI General Insurance launched the “Cyber VaultEdge” insurance plan, a comprehensive cyber insurance cover for individuals that provides protection against financial losses arising from cyber risks and attacks. According to CERT-In, cyber security incidents jumped to Rs 14.02 lakh in 2021 from Rs 2.08 lakh in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI General Insurance – launched “Cyber VaultEdge” insurance plan
- CERT-In report: Cyber security incidents jumped to Rs 14.02 lakh in 2021 (from Rs 2.08 lakh in 2018)

10. State Bank of India will review its partnership with Jio for launching Payments Bank Operations. The joint venture was announced in 2018, but 4 years later, the venture is yet to be launched. Currently, the SBI holds 30% stake in the venture. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – to review its partnership with Jio for launching Payments Bank Operations (JV was announced in 2018)
- SBI – holds 30% stake in the venture
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MDs – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Alok Kumar Choudhary | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

11. On July 4, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched the 58th round of its order books, inventories and capacity utilisation survey (OBICUS) of manufacturing companies. This round of the OBICUS is for the period of April - June 2022. The RBI has been conducting the OBICUS of the manufacturing sector on a quarterly basis since 2008. The RBI has also launched the 2021-22 round of its Survey on International Trade in Banking Services (ITBS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – launched the 58th “Order Books, Inventories & Capacity Utilisation Survey (OBICUS)” of the ‘manufacturing sector’
- RBI has been conducting the OBICUS – since 2008
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

12. On July 5, South Indian Bank signed an agreement with Kerala’s Forest and Wildlife Department to enable digital collection of payments at eco-tourism centres, Vanasree shops, mobile Vanasree units and eco-shops across the State. Through this partnership, the digital collection system of South Indian Bank will now be available at all 124 tourist spots that fall under the Forest Department. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- South Indian Bank + Kerala = an agreement to enable digital collection of payments at Eco-tourism Centres
- HQs of South Indian Bank – Thrissur, Kerala | MD & CEO – Murali Ramakrishnan
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

13. On July 1, Policybazaar, an online insurance marketplace, has launched its latest brand campaign featuring actor Pankaj Tripathi. The campaign aims at raising awareness about the significance of term life insurance. According to IBEF, India’s insurance market size grew to ₹21,957.03 Cr in 2022 from ₹21,389.70 Cr in January 2021. The market share of private sector companies in the general and health insurance market rose to 49.31% in FY21 from 48.03% in FY20. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Policybazaar – launched its latest brand campaign for raising awareness about the significance of term life insurance
- The campaign features – Actor Pankaj Tripathi
- HQs of Policybazaar – Gurgaon, Haryana | CEO – Sarbvir Singh



14. On June 27, the 47th meeting of the Goods & Services Tax (GST) Council was convened in Chandigarh. The meeting was chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. On June 18, the GST Council had announced that the meeting would be held at Chandigarh instead of Srinagar, J & K. The council approved an increase in tax on electronic waste to 18% from 5%, and petroleum & coal bed methane to 12% from 5% earlier. Tax on household items & machinery was raised to 18% from 12%. The new rates will be effective from July 18. Moreover, Business Standard had reported that the GST Council is likely to consider a proposal for imposing a flat 28% tax on online skill gaming. Moreover, India's GST collections in June 2022 grew 56% year-on-year to around Rs 1.45 lakh Cr, compared to Rs 92,800 Cr in June 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 47th meeting of the GST Council – held in Chandigarh (chaired by - Nirmala Sitharaman)
- The council approved an increase in tax on:
 - Electronic waste – from 5% to 18% | Petroleum & coal bed methane – from 5% to 12%
 - Household items & machinery – from 12% to 18% | Likely to impose 28% tax on online skill gaming
- India's GST collections in June 2022 – Rs 1.45 lakh Cr (56% year-on-year growth)

15. On July 5, IT services firm Cognizant was selected as a strategic technology provider by National Insurance Company Limited (NICL) to accelerate and manage its digital transformation. NICL is one of India's leading public sector general insurance companies. Cognizant will also support NICL's technology roadmap by leveraging digital technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, automation, and microservices-based architecture. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cognizant – selected as a strategic technology provider by NICL to accelerate and manage its digital transformation
- HQs of Cognizant – New Jersey, US | CEO – Brian Humphries
- HQs of NICL – Kolkata, West Bengal | Chairman & MD – Tajinder Mukherjee

16. On July 8, Axis Bank signed an MoU with the Indian Air Force (IAF) to offer 'Defence Service Salary Package' with best-in-class benefits and features under its 'Power Salute' initiative. The package includes a personal accident cover of up to ₹56 lakhs to all personnel including the veterans, cadets/recruits, and an additional children education grant of up to ₹8 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Axis Bank + IAF = an MoU to offer 'Defence Service Salary Package' under its 'Power Salute' initiative
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – "Badhti ka Naam Zindagi"

17. On July 6, Bajaj Allianz Life has launched an industry-first QR code-enabled service to help customers self-service their needs offering a faster closure of their requirements. The company offers access to 15 services on the phone. The QR code-enabled service is available across all its 509 branches in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bajaj Allianz Life – launched an industry-first QR code-enabled service to help customers self-service their needs
- HQs of Bajaj Allianz Life – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Tarun Chugh



18. On July 8, City Union Bank (CUB) and Shriram General Insurance, signed a corporate agency agreement, where the bank will distribute the latter's insurance products through its network of 727 branches across India. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) has permitted banks to have tie-ups with 3 companies each for general insurance, life insurance and health insurance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CUB + SGI = an agreement to distribute SGI's insurance products through bank's network
- IRDAI – permitted banks to tie-ups with 3 companies each for General/Life/Health insurance
- HQs of CUB – Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Dr. N. Kamakodi
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Debasish Panda

19. On July 6, the State Bank of India (SBI) renewed the MoU with the Indian Air Force (IAF) for the “Defence Salary Package (DSP) Scheme”. Under this scheme, it will offer various benefits and features to all serving and retired Air Force personnel and their families. Moreover, an open agri network Samunnati entered into a co-lending partnership with State Bank of India (SBI) to expand its outreach to Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs). Initially, under this partnership, the lending amount would be Rs 100 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI + IAF = renewed the MoU for the “Defence Salary Package (DSP) Scheme”
- SBI + Samunnati = a co-lending partnership to expand its outreach to FPOs
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh

20. On July 4, Kerala-based Muthoot Finance, India's largest gold loan NBFC, has received the Reserve Bank of India's approval to open 150 new branches across India as it expands business after a gap of nearly 3 years. Muthoot expects gold loans to grow 12-15% in the financial year 2022-23. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – approved Muthoot Finance to open 150 new branches across India
- HQs of Muthoot Finance – Kochi, Kerala | MD & CEO – George Alexander Muthoot
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

21. On July 6, Bengaluru-based neobank Fi Money launched an initiative called “Ally Annexure” to help LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) customers gain better access to financial services. Even in its initial stages, the initiative aims to educate institutions about being more accessible to queer customers' financial needs. The initiative was launched in partnership with Pride Circle, a diversity and inclusion firm. It will be supported by Fi Money's banking partner, Federal Bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Fi Money (Bengaluru) – launched “Ally Annexure” initiative to help LGBTQ customers
- The initiative was launched in partnership with – Pride Circle | Federal Bank – is a banking partner of Fi Money
- HQs of Federal Bank – Aluva, Kerala | MD & CEO – Shyam Srinivasan | Tagline – “Your Perfect Banking Partner”



22. On July 7, Bank of Baroda partnered with Women's World Banking (WWB) to launch the Phase-3 of the "Baroda Jan Dhan Plus" in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand to inculcate savings behavior in customers. Phase 3 of the project aims to increase access and improve engagement of low-income women with formal financial services. The programme will also train and work with over 2000 business correspondents (BC) and 1000 BC Sakhis (women business correspondents). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BoB + WWB = launched Phase-3 of "Baroda Jan Dhan Plus" in UP & Uttarakhand
- Phase 3 – aims to increase access & improve engagement of low-income women with formal financial services
- HQs of Women's World Bank – New York, US | President & CEO – Mary Ellen Iskenderian

23. On July 7, for the first time, Ministry of Defence assigned 3 Private Sector Banks - HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and Axis Bank to provide the Letter of Credit (LoC) and Direct Bank Transfer (DBT) business for overseas procurement by the Ministry. MoUs in this connection have been signed with each of these three banks recently by Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (PCDA), New Delhi on behalf of MoD. The selected banks may be allocated with Letter of Credit (LC) transaction of Rs 2000 Crore, each on the capital and revenue side, for a period of 1 year on concurrent basis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoD assigned 3 PSBs - HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank & Axis Bank to provide LoC & DBT business for overseas procurement
- The selected banks may be allocated with LoC transaction of Rs 2000 Cr each
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt

24. On July 7, the RBI cancelled the license of Shri Anand Co-operative Bank, Chinchwad, Pune as the lender does not have adequate capital and cannot pay its present depositors in full. As per the data, more than 99% of the depositors are entitled to receive full amount of their deposits from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – cancelled the license of Shri Anand Co-operative Bank (Pune) due to its inadequate capital
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

25. On July 7, the RBI announced a series of steps to arrest the Rupee's slide against the Dollar and boost Foreign Exchange Inflows. The rupee has depreciated by 4.1% during the current financial year so far (up to July 5). The measures include easing norms for foreign portfolio investment in debt market, increasing the External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) limit under the automatic route to \$1.5 billion (from \$750 million), as well as temporarily abolishing interest-rate caps for banks to attract deposits from NRIs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – announced a series of steps to arrest the Rupee's slide against the Dollar & boost Foreign Exchange Inflows
- Rupee has depreciated by 4.1% during the current financial year so far (up to July 5)
- RBI increased External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) limit under the automatic route to – \$1.5 billion (from \$750 million)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

26. On July 8, Max Life Insurance Company Ltd launched "Smart Capital Guarantee Solution", a life insurance product solution that combines three benefits. Merging the benefits of 'Max Life Smart Wealth Plan' and 'Max Life Flexi Wealth Advantage Plan', the product will offer wealth creation through market-linked returns. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Max Life Insurance – launched a life insurance product called “Smart Capital Guarantee Solution”
- HQs of Max Life Ins. – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Prashant Tripathy

27. On July 7, SBI General Insurance appointed Paritosh Tripathi as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, effective July 5. He succeeds P. C. Kandpal, who was posted as Deputy Managing Director (DMD)-(P&RE) at the Corporate Center, State Bank of India (SBI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paritosh Tripathi – appointed as MD & CEO of SBI General Insurance (succeeding - P. C. Kandpal)
- HQs of SBI Gen Ins. – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Paritosh Tripathi | Tagline – “Suraksha aur Bharosa Dono”

28. On July 5, Tata Mutual Fund partnered with CAMSPay to introduce Unified Payments Interface (UPI) Autopay for immediate Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs). Using this, investors in mutual funds can use their virtual payment address (VPA)/UPI handle to mandate an Autopay facility for their Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) contributions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Mutual Fund + CAMSPay = to introduce UPI Autopay for immediate SIPs
- HQs of Tata Mutual Fund – Mumbai | CEO – Prathit Bhohe | Established in – 1994

29. On July 8, Union Bank of India (UBI) in partnership with Tech Mahindra launched “Uni-verse”, a Metaverse Virtual Lounge. The Uni-verse will host product information and videos in the initial phase. The bank also launched an “Open Banking Sandbox Environment” through which it will collaborate with fin-techs and start-up partners for developing and launching innovative banking products. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UBI + Tech Mahindra = launched “Uni-verse”, a Metaverse Virtual Lounge
- UBI – launched an “Open Banking Sandbox Environment” for developing innovative banking products
- HQs of UBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – A. Manimekhalai | Tagline – “Good People to Bank With”

30. On July 8, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs 5.72 Cr on Federal Bank for deficiencies in regulatory compliance. A penalty of Rs 70 lakh was also imposed on Bank of India for non-compliance with certain provisions of KYC norms. Moreover, a fine of Rs 7.6 lakh was imposed on Dhani Loans and Services Limited for non-compliance with KYC norms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – imposed a penalty of Rs 5.72 Cr on Federal Bank for deficiencies in regulatory compliance
- RBI – imposed a penalty of Rs 70 lakh on Bank of India for non-compliance with KYC norms
- RBI – imposed a penalty of Rs 7.6 lakh on Dhani Loans & Services for non-compliance with KYC norms
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established on – 1st April, 1935

31. On July 9, online payment gateways Razorpay, Stripe and Pine Labs are among the top fintech firms that received in-principle approval from the RBI for a Payment Aggregator licence. The RBI is expected to release the full list of firms that were granted approvals shortly. At least 185 fintech firms, including big names like Cred, Razorpay, and PhonePe, had submitted proposals seeking the licence. Payment Aggregators are expected to have a net worth of Rs 15 Cr on the date of their applications or as of March 31, 2022, and Rs 25 Cr by the end of the ongoing fiscal year (FY23). In July, fintech startup 1Pay Mobileware also received the RBI’s nod. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- RBI – to release the full list of firms that were granted in-principle approval for Payment Aggregator licence
- Top fintech firms that received in-principle approval: Razorpay, Stripe, Pine Labs, 1Pay Mobileware
- Payment Aggregators are expected to have a net worth of:
 - Rs 15 Cr on the date of their applications or as of March 31, 2022
 - Rs 25 Cr by the end of March 31, 2023

32. On July 9, the RBI imposed several restrictions on 4 Cooperative Banks for 6 months given their deteriorating financial positions. The banks on which restrictions were imposed are - Ramgarhia Co-operative Bank, New Delhi; Sahebrao Deshmukh Co-operative Bank, Mumbai; Sangli Sahakari Bank, Mumbai; and Sharada Mahila Co-operative Bank, Karnataka. In the case of Ramgarhia Co-operative Bank and Sahebrao Deshmukh Cooperative Bank, the cap is Rs 50,000 per depositor, while it is Rs 45,000 in the case of Sangli Sahakari Bank. A depositor in Sharada Mahila Co-operative Bank can withdraw a maximum of Rs 7,000. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – imposed several restrictions on 4 cooperative banks:
 - Ramgarhia Co-operative Bank, New Delhi
 - Sahebrao Deshmukh Co-operative Bank, Mumbai
 - Sangli Sahakari Bank, Mumbai
 - Sharada Mahila Co-operative Bank, Karnataka

33. On July 10, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) and State Bank of India (SBI) signed an MoU to open SBI's first dedicated branch for startups, "SBI Startup Hub branch", in Koramangala, Karnataka. The branch will be inaugurated in August. The collaboration will enable startups across the state to access banking facilities, funding, credit facilities. Rs 2 crore collateral-free financial assistance will be given to startup entrepreneurs. Moreover, the SBI also announced to start similar branches in Mysuru, Mangaluru, and Hubballi-Dharwad clusters in the next 6 months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- KDEM + SBI = an MoU to open SBI's first dedicated branch for startups in Koramangala, Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MDs – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Alok Kumar Choudhary | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

34. On July 11, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) set up two Task Forces to suggest steps to sort out issues between life/non-life insurers and re-insurers. A 9-member panel, headed by Bhargav Dasgupta (MD & CEO of ICICI Lombard General), has been set up to sort out the issues between non-life insurers and re-insurers. While a 7-member panel, headed by Naveen Tahilyani (MD & CEO of Tata AIA Life Insurance), will look at the life insurance segment and re-insurers. The task forces were asked to file their reports within three weeks. The decision by the IRDAI follows a meeting called "Bima Manthan" held in Hyderabad with representatives of life and non-life insurers and reinsurers. Moreover, Tata AIA Life Insurance collaborated with City Union Bank (CUB) to provide life and health insurance products. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- IRDAI – set up two Task Forces to suggest steps to sort out issues between life/non-life insurers and re-insurers
- 9-member panel to sort out issues between non-life insurers & re-insurers – headed by Bhargav Dasgupta
- 7-member panel to sort out issues between life insurers & re-insurers – headed by Naveen Tahilyani
- IRDAI – held “Bima Manthan” meeting in Hyderabad
- Tata AIA Life Insurance + City Union Bank = collaboration to provide life & health insurance products
- [HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana](#) | [Chairman – Debasish Panda](#)

35. On July 11, the RBI announced that all eligible current account transactions including trade transactions with Sri Lanka may be settled in any permitted currency outside the Asian Clearing Union (ACU) mechanism with immediate effect. Central banks and monetary authorities of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are currently members of the ACU. Asian Monetary Unit (AMU) is the common unit of account of ACU and is denominated as ‘ACU dollar’, ‘ACU euro’ and ‘ACU yen’, which is equivalent in value to one US dollar, one euro and one Japanese yen respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI: All eligible ‘Current Account’ transactions may be settled in any permitted currency outside the ACU mechanism
- ACU members: 9 – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
- [HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [Governor – Shaktikanta Das \(25th\)](#) | [Established in – 1st April, 1935](#)
- [Total Deputy Governors \(4\) – Mahesh Kumar Jain](#) | [T. Rabi Sankar](#) | [Michael D. Patra](#) | [M. Rajeshwar Rao](#)

36. On July 11, SBICAP Ventures Limited (SVL), a wholly owned subsidiary of SBI Capital Markets Limited, signed an MoU with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to establish the “Trilateral Development Cooperation Fund (TDC Fund)” for joint projects with global partners. The TDC Fund will route India’s commitment of approx Rs 175 Cr (£17.5 million) to the Global Innovation Development Fund (GIP Fund). The GIP Fund is proposed to be established in partnership with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) under the “India-UK Global Innovation Partnership (GIP)”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBICAP Ventures + MEA = an MoU to establish ‘Trilateral Development Cooperation Fund (TDC Fund)’
- [HQs of SBICAP Ventures – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [MD & CEO – Suresh Kozhikote](#)
- [Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar](#) | [Constituency – Gujarat](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of External Affairs: Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, V. Muraleedharan & Meenakashi Lekhi](#)

37. On July 11, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has put in place a mechanism to facilitate International Trade in Rupees (INR), with immediate effect. However, banks acting as authorised dealers for such transactions would have to take prior approval from the regulator to facilitate this. The RBI’s move to set up International Trade Settlement mechanism in INR would facilitate trade with countries under sanction like Iran and Russia. Banks in India had been permitted to open Rupee Vostro Accounts, which keep the foreign entity’s holdings in the Indian bank, in Indian rupees. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – has put in place a mechanism to facilitate ‘International Trade in Rupees (INR)’
- This move would facilitate trade with countries under sanction like Iran & Russia
- [HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [Governor – Shaktikanta Das \(25th\)](#) | [Established in – 1st April, 1935](#)
- [Total Deputy Governors \(4\) – Mahesh Kumar Jain](#) | [T. Rabi Sankar](#) | [Michael D. Patra](#) | [M. Rajeshwar Rao](#)



38. Demand for credit is expected to see marginal to considerable improvement in the next 3 months, according to majority of the respondents in the latest “Systemic Risk Survey (SRS)” conducted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The SRS was conducted among 48 respondents in May and presented in the Financial Stability Report (FSR), which was released on June 30. Around 38% of the respondents expected ‘marginal deterioration’ in asset quality of the Banking Sector over the next 3 months. Among the 48 respondents, 40% felt that the asset quality will remain unchanged over the next 3 months while 20% expected marginal improvement. The remaining respondents expected asset quality to improve considerably. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Systemic Risk Survey (SRS)” – conducted by the Reserve Bank of India
- 38% of respondents expected ‘marginal deterioration’ in asset quality of the Banking Sector over the next 3 months
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established on – 1st April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

39. On July 12, the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) unveiled a mutual fund (MF) distributor recruitment campaign, “Karein Shuru?” (Can we start?). The comprehensive campaign includes commercial films to reinforce the need and attractiveness of MF distribution as a career option with long-term earning potential for individuals with entrepreneurial aspirations. To begin their journey as a MF distributor, one needs to appear and clear the ‘NISM – Series V-A: Mutual Fund Distribution Exam, Obtain ARN & EUIN from AMFI and approach individual AMCs for empanelment. The MF industry has the potential to cross Rs 100 lakh Cr in Assets Under Management (AUM) by 2030, but the reach of intermediaries is limited with only about 1.25 lakh MF distributors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AMFI – unveiled a Mutual Fund distributor recruitment campaign, “Karein Shuru?”
- MF industry has the potential to cross Rs 100 lakh Cr in Assets Under Management (AUM) – by 2030
- HQs of AMFI – Mumbai | Chairman – A. Balasubramanian | CEO – N. S. Venkatesh | Incorporated in – 1995

40. On July 12, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the appointment of former RBI executive Meena Hemchandra as Part-time (Non-executive Independent) Chairman of the Karur Vysya Bank for 3 years. Hemchandra was the Executive Director of RBI from June 2015 to November 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meena Hemchandra – appointed as Part-time (Non-executive Independent) Chairman of Karur Vysya Bank
- HQs of KVB – Karur, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – B. Ramesh Babu

41. On July 10, Punjab National Bank (PNB) signed an MoU with the Indian Air Force (IAF) to offer specially designed products to the Defence personnel under its flagship scheme ‘PNB Rakshak Plus’. All Defence Personnel (i.e. all three wings of Defence) are eligible to open a salary account under the scheme. The scheme also includes Personal Accidental (Death) cover of Rs 50 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PNB + IAF = an MoU to offer specially designed products to the Defence personnel under ‘PNB Rakshak Plus’ scheme
- The scheme includes Personal Accidental (Death) cover of Rs 50 lakh
- HQs of PNB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Atul Kumar Goel | Tagline – “The Name You Can Bank Upon”
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh



42. On July 14, Indian Bank won the “Best Performing Bank” award in Tamil Nadu for FY 2021-22 under ‘SHG Bank Linkage Programme’ category from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) during its 41st Foundation Day. The award was presented by the Tamil Nadu finance minister, Dr Palanivel Thiaga Rajan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Bank – won the “Best Performing Bank” award for FY 2021-22 in Tamil Nadu – from NABARD
- Award category: ‘SHG Bank Linkage Programme’
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – Shanti Lal Jain | Tagline – “Your Own Bank”

43. On July 9, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) collaborated with Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies (JBIMS) to co-create a Master’s Degree Programme in Management Studies in Digital payments for its employees. It was launched under NPCI’s “Learn while You Earn” higher education programme. The programme will integrate aspects of technology, finance, BFSI, and information system and management studies into a single master’s specialisation in digital payments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NPCI + JBIMS = to co-create a Master’s Degree Programme in Management Studies in Digital Payments for its employees
- It was launched under NPCI’s “Learn while You Earn” higher education programme
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008
- Location of JBIMS – Mumbai, Maharashtra

44. India’s headline retail inflation rate, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), stood at 7.01% in June 2022 from 7.04% in May 2022, according to the data released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on July 12, 2022. This is the 6th consecutive month that the CPI-based inflation has remained above the RBI’s upper margin of 6%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoSPI: India’s CPI-based retail inflation rate in June 2022 – 7.01% (from 7.04% in May)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established on – 1st April, 1935

45. On July 12, Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd. and Common Services Centres (CSC), under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, have partnered to provide over 5 lakh CSCs access to a select range of Star Health insurance products. This tie-up aims to increase health insurance penetration in rural India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Star Health & Allied Insurance + CSC = to provide over 5 lakh CSCs access to Star Health insurance products
- HQs of Star Health Insurance – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | Chairman & CEO – Venkatasamy Jagannathan
- HQs of CSCs – New Delhi | CEO – Sanjay Kumar Rakesh (works under – MeitY)
- Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnaw | Constituency – Odisha
- MoS in Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

46. On July 13, Agri-tech startup nurture.farm partnered with SBI General Insurance and Future Generali India Insurance Company to offer insurance solutions to 1.9 million farmers in 2022-23. nurture.farm is an open digital platform for growers, farming communities and food systems. The company had recently received a corporate agency licence from the IRDAI. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- nurture.farm + SBI General Insurance + Future Generali India Insurance = partnership to offer Insurance Solutions
- HQs of nurture.farm – Bengaluru, Karnataka
- HQs of SBI Gen Ins. – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Paritosh Tripathi | Tagline – “Suraksha aur Bharosa Dono”
- HQs of FGILI – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Bruce de Broize

47. On July 13, NIIT Institute of Finance, Banking and Insurance (NIIT IFBI), a subsidiary of NIIT Limited, announced a strategic partnership with HDFC Bank to build new age Digital Talent for the banking industry. The first learning program to be launched is the ‘HDFC Bank Data Digits-Post Graduate Program in Data Engineering’. This program is the first of planned initiatives to raise digital skills in the Banking, Financial Services & Insurance (BFSI) industry. Through this program the bank hopes to hire close to 100 data scientists in a year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NIIT IFBI + HDFC Bank = a strategic partnership to build new age Digital Talent for the banking industry
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”

48. On July 14, Quantum Mutual Fund launched “Quantum Nifty 50 ETF Fund of Fund (FoF)”, an open-ended FoF scheme that will be investing in the units of Quantum Nifty 50 Exchange Traded Fund. This is India’s first Nifty 50 FoF. The scheme will be benchmarked to NIFTY 50 - Total Return Index. Quantum Nifty 50 ETF has a track record of over 14 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Quantum Mutual Fund – launched “Quantum Nifty 50 ETF Fund of Fund” – India’s first Nifty 50 FoF

49. On July 15, Bank of India along with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) and K-fintech, launched a digital platform which will allow customers to open NPS (National Pension System) accounts using mobile phones. PFRDA chairman Supratim Bandyopadhyay inaugurated the digital platform. Customers can now open NPS Account in a hassle-free and paperless manner by scanning a QR code. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bank of India + PFRDA + K-fintech = launched a digital platform for customers to open NPS accounts using mobile phones
- HQs of BoI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Atanu Kumar Das | Tagline – “Relationship Beyond Banking”
- HQs of PFRDA – New Delhi | Chairperson – Supratim Bandyopadhyay | Founded in – 2003

50. On July 15, Kotak Mahindra Bank completed technical integration with the new e-filing portal of the Income Tax department and has become the first private bank to fully integrate with the portal. Its customers can now pay their direct taxes through the e-pay tax tab on the portal using Kotak Net Banking or by visiting a branch. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank – first private bank to fully integrate with the new e-filing portal of the Income Tax department
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Uday Kotak | Tagline – “Let’s make money simple”



51. On July 15, UK-based financial publication Euromoney honoured DBS Bank with the “World's Best SME Bank” title for the second time since 2018. DBS has developed algorithmic models powered by artificial intelligence and advanced data analytics that alerts the bank to potential signs of trouble faced by SMEs. As a result of its robust credit processes, since 2020, DBS has approved over 16,300 collateral-free loans totalling more than SGD 7 billion to SMEs in Singapore, with over 90% of the loans going to Micro and Small Enterprises. Euromoney also awarded the “World’s Best Financial Innovation of the Year” to DBS’ Fixed Income Execution (FIX) Marketplace, which is Asia’s first automated digital bond issuance platform. DBS also won another two first-time awards namely - “Asia’s Best Bank for Wealth Management” & “Hong Kong's Best Bank”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Euromoney (UK)– honoured DBS Bank with the following awards:
 - “World’s Best SME Bank” title for the second time since 2018
 - “World’s Best Financial Innovation of the Year” (for Fixed Income Execution (FIX) marketplace)
 - “Asia’s Best Bank for Wealth Management”
 - “Hong Kong’s Best Bank”
- Fixed Income Execution (FIX) Marketplace – Asia’s first automated digital bond issuance platform
- HQs of DBS Bank India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Surojit Shome
- HQs of DBS Bank – Singapore | CEO – Piyush Gupta

52. On July 15, YES Bank signed a binding term sheet with JCF ARC LLC and JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Pvt Ltd for a strategic partnership in relation to sale of identified stressed loans aggregating to Rs 48,000 Cr. As at March-end 2022, the bank had total gross non-performing exposure and total gross restructured loans of Rs 36,479 Cr and Rs 6,752 Cr, respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- YES Bank + JCF ARC LLC + JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction = strategic partnership to sell identified stressed loans aggregating to Rs 48,000 Cr
- HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar | Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”

53. On July 16, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Bank Indonesia (BI) signed an MoU to strengthen the exchange of information and cooperation in the area of central banking, including payment systems, digital innovation in payments services, and regulatory and supervisory framework for Anti Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML-CFT). The MoU was signed by RBI Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra on the sidelines of the “G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting” in Bali, Indonesia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “G20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors Meeting” – held in Bali, Indonesia
- RBI + Bank Indonesia = an MoU to strengthen the exchange of information & cooperation in the area of central banking
- Indonesia – Jakarta – Rupiah | President – Joko Widodo
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

54. In July 2022, Online capital financing platform Capital Float has unified its offerings - Capital Float and Walnut & Walnut 369, and rebranded itself as “axio”. It was founded by Gaurav Hinduja and Sashank Rishyasinga in 2013 and it is registered as a non-banking finance company (NBFC). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Capital Float (NBFC) – unified its offerings namely - Capital Float and Walnut & Walnut 369
- Capital Float – rebranded itself as “axio”
- [HQs of Capital Float – Bengaluru, Karnataka](#) | [Founders – Gaurav Hinduja & Sashank Rishyasringa](#)

55. On July 18, Go Digit General Insurance launched “Pay as you Drive (PAYD)” add-on feature for motor insurance Own Damage (OD) policies. This makes Digit Insurance one of India’s first insurers to introduce the add-on for its customers. Earlier in May, HDFC ERGO General Insurance had launched its “Pay as you Drive” program; an insurance solution that offers distance-based insurance to reduce upfront costs of premium. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Go Digit Gen. Ins. – launched “Pay as you Drive (PAYD)” add-on feature for motor insurance Own Damage (OD) policies
- HDFC ERGO Gen. Ins. – launched its “Pay as you Drive” program (in May)
- [HQs of Go Digit General Insurance – Bengaluru, Karnataka](#) | [CEO – Vijay Kumar](#)

56. On July 16, Karnataka Bank signed an MoU with JCB India Limited, a manufacturer of earthmoving and construction equipment in India. Under the agreement, JCB will be nominating Karnataka Bank as its ‘preferred financier’ wherein individuals, contractors, companies and partnership firms can avail loans from the bank at competitive interest rates. The tie-up arrangement with JCB India is expected to boost the lending avenues under the bank’s MSME portfolio. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JCB – signed an MoU & nominated Karnataka Bank as its ‘Preferred Financier’
- [HQs of Karnataka Bank – Mangalore, Karnataka](#) | [CEO – Mahabaleshwara M. S.](#) | [Chairman – Pradeep Kumar Panja](#)

57. As on July 19, according to the Reserve Bank of India’s 5th round of Survey on Remittances titled “Headwinds of Covid-19 and India’s Inward Remittances”, the share of remittances from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region in India’s inward remittances is estimated to have declined from more than 50% in 2016- 17 to about 30% in 2020-21. The US surpassed the UAE as the top source country for India, accounting for 23% of total remittances in 2020-21. India remained the top recipient country (with \$89.4 billion inward remittances), accounting for 12% of total global remittances. Maharashtra displaced Kerala as the top remittance recipient State with about 35% of India’s total share in remittance receipts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 5th round of Survey on Remittances titled “Headwinds of Covid-19 and India’s Inward Remittances” – released by RBI
- US – surpassed the UAE as the top source country for India (23% of total remittances in 2020-21)
- India – remained the top recipient country having 12% of total global remittances (\$89.4 billion inward remittances)
- Maharashtra – displaced Kerala as the top remittance recipient State (35% of India’s total share in remittance receipts)
- [HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [Governor – Shaktikanta Das \(25th\)](#) | [Established in – 1st April, 1935](#)

58. As on July 18, in the run up to setting up a social stock exchange, the government has declared “Zero Coupon Zero Principal Instruments” as securities for the purposes of the “Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956”. Zero coupon zero principal instrument means an instrument issued by a Not-for-Profit Organisation (NPO) which will be registered with the social stock exchange segment of a recognised stock exchange. These instruments will be governed by rules made by the SEBI. The Social Stock Exchange (SSE) is a novel concept in India. The idea was floated by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her Budget Speech 2019-20. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Govt declared “Zero Coupon Zero Principal Instruments” as securities for “Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956”
- These Instruments will be governed by the rules made by SEBI
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992

59. India received USD 343.64 million FDI equity inflow in R&D sector during CY 2021 (Calendar Year), which is 516% higher as compared to previous CY 2020 (USD 55.77 million). FDI is permitted under 100% automatic route in R&D sector. Karnataka is the top FDI Equity recipient state in R&D during CY 2021, followed by Telangana and Haryana. Singapore is the top investing country in R&D during CY 2021 with 40% share, followed by Germany (35%) and the US (11%). Daimler Truck Innovation Center is the Top FDI Equity inflow recipient company in R&D during CY 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India received \$343.64 million FDI equity inflow in R&D sector in Calendar Year 2021 (516% higher as compared to CY20)
- FDI is permitted under 100% automatic route in R&D sector
- Top FDI Equity recipient state in R&D during CY 2021: 1st – Karnataka | 2nd – Telangana | 3rd – Haryana
- Top investing country in R&D during CY 2021: 1st – Singapore | 2nd – Germany | 3rd – US
- Top FDI Equity inflow recipient company in R&D during CY 2021: Daimler Truck Innovation Center

60. On July 20, the RBI signed its renewed Statement of Commitment (SoC) to the FX Global Code. The code is a compilation of best market practices, applicable to the wholesale foreign exchange market participants covering sell-side, buy-side and financial intermediaries. The Code has been formulated by Central Banks and market participants and developed under the auspices of Bank for International Settlements (BIS), Basel. It is currently being implemented globally by the Global FX Committee (GFXC) in co-ordination with the Local FX Committee (LFXC) in each jurisdiction. The Code, which was initially launched on May 25, 2017, was subsequently reviewed holistically and the updated Code was published by Global FX Committee on July 15, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI signed its renewed Statement of Commitment (SoC) to the ‘FX Global Code’
- The Code was initially launched on May 25, 2017 & updated Code was published on July 15, 2021
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

61. On July 20, Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance and DBS Bank India, the wholly owned subsidiary of DBS Bank Ltd, Singapore, announced a strategic partnership to offer a wide array of life insurance solutions to the bank’s 3 million customers. Through this partnership, Bajaj Allianz Life and DBS Bank aim to empower the customers to Live More and Bank Less by investing in life insurance products. Recognised for its global leadership, DBS was recently named “World’s Best Bank” by Euromoney. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance + DBS Bank India = partnership to offer life insurance solutions to bank’s customers
- HQs of DBS Bank India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Surojit Shome
- HQs of Bajaj Allianz Life – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Tarun Chugh



62. On July 21, IndusInd Bank announced a partnership with EazyDiner to launch a co-branded credit card, called “EazyDiner IndusInd Bank Credit Card” to enhance customer dining experience. Benefits offered include a complimentary EazyDiner Prime membership, an additional 25% discount up to ₹1,000 every time a customer pays on the EazyDiner app. Earlier in June, Axis Bank also partnered with EazyDiner to launch “Dining Delights”, a dining experience programme for the bank’s customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IndusInd Bank + EazyDiner = partnership to launch a co-branded credit card, “EazyDiner IndusInd Bank Credit Card”
- Axis Bank + EazyDiner = partnered to launch “Dining Delights”, a dining experience programme
- HQs of IndusInd Bank – Pune, MH | MD & CEO – Sumant Kathpalia | Tagline – “We Make You Feel Richer”

63. On July 20, the State Bank of India (SBI) received approval from its Board of Directors to raise up to Rs 11,000 Crore through issuance of bonds in FY23. The board approved raising capital by way of issuance of Basel III compliant debt instrument in USD/INR and/or any other convertible currency. The bonds include fresh Additional Tier 1 (AT1) capital up to Rs 7,000 Crore and fresh Tier 2 capital of up to Rs 4,000 Crore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – received approval from its Board of Directors to raise up to Rs 11,000 Cr through issuance of bonds in FY23
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MDs – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Alok Kumar Choudhary | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

64. On July 8, Kotak Mahindra Bank acquired the Agri and Healthcare equipment financing portfolio of De Lage Landen Financial Services India Pvt Ltd (DLL India) for an unspecified amount. DLL India is a subsidiary of De Lage Landen International B.V., owned by Rabobank. With this acquisition, Kotak will gain access to over 25,000 high-quality customers of DLL India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank – acquired the Agri & Healthcare equipment financing portfolio of DLL India
- DLL India - a subsidiary of De Lage Landen International B.V. – owned by Rabobank
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Uday Kotak | Tagline – “Let’s make money simple”

65. On July 12, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the reappointment of Rakesh Makhija as the Non-Executive (Part Time) Chairman of Axis Bank, with effect from July 18 up to October 26, 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – approved the reappointment of Rakesh Makhija as the Non-Executive (Part Time) Chairman of Axis Bank
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”

66. On July 22, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance launched its add-on motor insurance cover called ‘Pay As You Consume’ (PAYC) under the Irdai’s sandbox regulations. Pay as you consume gives customers the flexibility to choose their insurance premium based on their vehicle usage, depending on their driving behaviour, using telematics. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance – launched its add-on motor insurance cover called ‘Pay As You Consume’ (PAYC)
- HQs of Bajaj Allianz Gen Ins – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Tapan Singhel



67. On July 22, Canara Bank launched its new 'all in 1' mobile banking app called "ai1" or "Canara ai1". The banking app would be a one-stop solution with more than 250 features to cater to the banking needs of its customers. The app is available in 11 languages. The core vision of the bank is 'E-transactions for Everyone, Everywhere, Every Time'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Canara Bank – launched its new 'all in 1' mobile banking app called "ai1" or "Canara ai1" (available in 11 languages)
- The core vision of the bank – 'E-transactions for Everyone, Everywhere, Every Time'
- HQs of Canara Bank – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Lingam Venkat Prabhakar

68. On July 15, OneCard, a mobile-first credit card firm, became the 104th unicorn in India after it raised \$100 million in a series D round of funding led by Temasek. OneCard is owned by Pune-based FPL Technologies. The company was founded in 2015 by Anurag Sinha, Rupesh Kumar, and Vibhav Hathi. In 2022 so far, India has produced more than 20 fintech unicorns, which includes OneCard, Open, Oxyzo, and Yubi (formerly CredAvenue). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- OneCard, a mobile-first credit card firm – became the 104th unicorn in India (owned by FPL Technologies)
- HQs of OneCard – Pune, Maharashtra | CEO – Anurag Sinha | Founded in – 2015

69. On July 25, HDFC Securities Ltd partnered with Equitas Small Finance Bank to provide demat accounts, and broking and investment services to its customers. Equitas Small Finance Bank will offer its customers a 3-in-1 account that will help them access the services of HDFC Securities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Securities Ltd + Equitas SFB = partnered to provide demat accounts, and broking & investment services
- HQs of Equitas SFB – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan (till the succession)
- HQs of HDFC Securities Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Dhiraj Relli

70. On July 27, Union Bank of India is developing an automated solution for early resolution of stressed assets. The new product called "Union SARAS" (Stressed Asset Recovery Automated Solution) will cover recovery actions under SARFAESI, DRT and IBC. Other recovery actions include Civil Suit Revenue Recovery Act, Lok Adalat, etc. The solution will digitise all recovery functional areas, including field related work. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UBI – is developing "Union SARAS", an automated solution for early resolution of stressed assets
- SARAS – Stressed Asset Recovery Automated Solution
- HQs of UBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – A. Manimekhalai | Tagline – "Good People to Bank With"

71. On July 28, the Reserve Bank of India's composite Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) rose to 349.30 in March 2022, compared to 270.59 in March 2021. The RBI had developed the composite RBI-DPI with March 2018 as the base year to assess the extent of digitisation of payments in India. RBI-DPI is published on a semi-annual basis from March 2021 onwards with a lag of 4 months. The RBI-DPI comprises of 5 broad parameters including - Payment enablers, Demand side factors of Payment Infrastructure, Supply side factors of Payment Infrastructure, Payment Performance and Consumer Centricity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI-DPI rose to 349.30 in March 2022 (compared to 270.59 in March 2021) | Base Year – March 2018
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935



72. On July 26, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved Axis Bank's proposed acquisition of Citibank's consumer business in India, one of the largest deals in India's financial services space. Under the deal worth Rs 12,325 Crore, signed on March 30, Axis Bank would take over Citibank's credit cards, personal loans and wealth management businesses that are focused on the affluent segment. The parties involved in the deal are Axis Bank Ltd, Citibank, N.A. and Citicorp Finance (India) Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI – approved Axis Bank's proposed acquisition of Citibank's consumer business in India
- Axis Bank – would take over Citibank's credit cards, personal loans & wealth management businesses
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”

73. On July 18, Kotak General Insurance partnered with Inspektlabs to automate vehicle inspections for its motor insurance policy renewals with Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based technology. The do-it-yourself (DIY) process will help enhance customer experience and reduce turnaround time and frauds. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kotak General Ins. + Inspektlabs = partnership to automate vehicle inspections for its motor insurance policy renewals
- HQs of Kotak General Insurance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Suresh Agarwal

74. On July 25, India Post Payments Bank tied up with TATA AIG for providing TATA Accidental Guard policy to IPPB customers. A special drive has commenced from 15th July in all post offices in Goa for covering the citizens of the state under this policy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IPPB + TATA AIG = tie up for providing TATA Accidental Guard policy to IPPB customers
- HQs of IPPB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Venkatram Jayanthi | Established on – 1st Sep, 2018
- HQs of Tata AIG Gen Ins – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Neelesh Garg

75. On July 25, the government clarified that fresh milk and pasteurised milk are fully exempted from Goods & Service Tax (GST). Further, milk products like curd, lassi, butter milk and paneer are also exempted from GST if sold in forms other than those pre-packaged and labelled. A nominal GST of 5% applies to curd, lassi, butter milk and paneer when sold in pre-packaged and labelled form and Ultra High-Temperature Milk. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Fresh milk & pasteurised milk are fully exempted from GST
- GST on milk products like curd, lassi, butter milk & paneer (when sold in pre-packaged & labelled form) – 5%

76. On July 28, Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co Limited (ABHICL), in collaboration with Policybazaar.com, launched 'OPD Add-on' cover with zero waiting period for customers to address their health & wellness needs. This product can be added to the existing indemnity plans to provide unlimited medical consultation at an affordable price. This cover will help them consult doctors virtually as well, irrespective of their location. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aditya Birla Health Ins. + Policybazaar.com = launched 'OPD Add-on' to address health & wellness needs of customers
- HQs of ABHICL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Mayank Bathwal
- HQs of Policybazaar – Gurgaon, Haryana | CEO – Sarbvir Singh



77. On July 28, the RBI has allowed another window to Payment Aggregators (existing as of March 2020) to apply to the central bank for a licence by September 30, 2022. The PAs should have a minimum net worth of Rs 15 Cr as on March 31, 2022 and a net worth of Rs 25 Cr by March 2023. And, they have to maintain a net worth of Rs 25 Cr at all times thereafter. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – allowed Payment Aggregators to apply to for a licence by September 30, 2022
- PAs should have a minimum net worth of Rs 15 Cr as on March 31, 2022 & Rs 25 Cr by March 2023
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

78. On July 29, BOB Financial Solutions launched its credit card servicing mobile app, “bobcard” to help customers with a one-stop solution to manage their Bank of Baroda credit card services. The app has been designed in collaboration with IBM. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BOB Financial Solutions launched its credit card servicing mobile app “bobcard” (designed in collaboration with IBM)
- HQs of BOB Financial Solutions – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Shailendra Singh
- HQs of IBM – Armonk, New York, US | CEO – Arvind Krishna | Founded in – 1911

79. On July 26, Union Bank of India has set up “RACE” goal as part of its plan to be among top 3 public sector banks (PSBs) in India. The “RACE” stands for - grow RAM (Retail, Agriculture & MSME) loans, improve Asset quality, increase CASA (Current Account, Savings Account) deposits and increase Earnings. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union Bank of India – set up “RACE” goal as part of its plan to be among top 3 PSBs in India
- RACE” – grow RAM loans, improve Asset quality, increase CASA deposits & increase Earnings
- HQs of UBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – A. Manimekhalai | Tagline – “Good People to Bank With”

80. On July 25, the Board of Directors of LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL) approved the appointment of Ravi Kishan Takkar, former MD & CEO of UCO Bank, as an Additional Director (Independent) on the company’s board. He will hold the office up to the 33rd Annual General Meeting of the Company. And upon regularisation of his appointment by the members, he will continue to hold the office as Independent Director for a period of 5 years, effective from July 25, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ravi Kishan Takkar – appointed as an Additional Director (Independent) on LIC HFL’s board till its 33rd AGM
- Ravi Kishan Takkar is former MD & CEO of UCO Bank
- HQs of LIC Housing Finance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Y. Viswanatha Gowd

81. On July 26, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) accepted the Central Government’s request for allowing Non-financial Institutions and Non-regulated Entities to own more than 40% of IDBI Bank, as the Union government and Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) are planning to sell 51-74% stake in the lender through the strategic divestment process. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- RBI – allowed Non-financial Institutions & Non-regulated Entities to own more than 40% of IDBI Bank
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

82. Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC) will fully acquire its venture capital subsidiary HDFC Venture Capital Limited (HVCL) by buying out the remaining 19.5% stake in HVCL which is held by State Bank of India (SBI). The HDFC holds 80.50% equity share capital of HVCL at present. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC – will fully acquire its venture capital subsidiary HVCL by buying out the remaining 19.5% stake in HVCL which is held by State Bank of India
- The HDFC holds 80.50% equity share capital of HVCL at present
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your World”

83. On July 28, the RBI has temporarily permitted merchants or their Payment Aggregators (PAs) involved in settlement of transactions where cardholders decide to enter the card details manually to save the Card-on-File (CoF) data for a maximum period of “Transaction Date + 4 days” or till the settlement date, whichever is earlier. There shall be no change in the effective date of implementation of the requirements relating to “Restriction on Storage of Actual Card Data” (CoF) - all entities, except card issuers and card networks, shall purge the CoF data before October 1, 2022. For handling other post-transaction activities, acquiring banks can continue to store CoF data (customer card credentials) until January 31, 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – temporarily permitted merchants or PAs to save the CoF data for a maximum of “Transaction Date + 4 days”
- All entities (except card issuers & card networks) shall purge the CoF data – before October 1, 2022
- For handling other post-transaction activities, acquiring banks can continue to store CoF data – until Jan 31, 2023
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

84. As per the data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) on July 29, the Centre’s fiscal deficit for the first quarter of FY23 (April-June) stood at 21.2% of the FY23 Budget estimate due to strong capital expenditure and weak revenue receipts. The fiscal deficit for the same period last year (April-June FY22) was 18.2% of the FY22 Budget estimate. The Centre’s revenue receipts rose just 5% to Rs 5.7 trillion in Q1 FY23. While the expenditure was at 24% of the full-year target. In May, the central board of the RBI had announced to transfer Rs 30,307 Cr as dividend to the government for the accounting year 2021-22 as against Rs 99,122 Cr last year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Controller General of Accounts (CGA) Data:
- Centre’s fiscal deficit for Q1 FY23 (April-June) – 21.2% of the FY23 Budget estimate (from 18.2% in FY22)
- Centre’s revenue receipts rose just 5% to Rs 5.7 trillion in Q1 FY23 | Expenditure was at 24% of the full-year target
- RBI – had announced to transfer Rs 30,307 Cr as dividend to the government for the accounting year 2021-22
- CAG – G. C. Murmu | CGA – Sonali Singh



85. On July 31, Bank of Baroda's Board accorded approval for divestment of 12.50% of its shareholding in a subsidiary, IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Ltd (IFLIC). BoB increased its stake in IFLIC from 44% to 65%, buying Union Bank of India's 21% stake in 2021. Moreover, Carmel Point Investments India Pvt Ltd owns 35% in IFLIC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BOB – accorded approval for divestment of 12.50% of its stake in IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company
- Carmel Point Investments India owns 35% in IFLIC
- HQs of BOB – Vadodara, Gujarat | CEO – Sanjiv Chadha | Tagline – “India’s International Bank”

86. On July 29, the Reserve Bank of India allowed Punjab National Bank to invest Rs 500 Cr in the upcoming Rs 2,500 Cr rights issue of PNB Housing Finance. Post rights issue, the holding of the bank would come down below 30% but would be higher than 26% so that the bank retains promoter status. PNB currently holds a 32% stake in this housing finance firm. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – allowed PNB to invest Rs 500 Cr in the upcoming Rs 2,500 Cr rights issue of PNB Housing Finance
- PNB currently holds a 32% stake in PNB Housing Finance
- HQs of PNB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Atul Kumar Goel | Tagline – “The Name You Can Bank Upon”
- HQs of PNBHF – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Hardayal Prasad | Tagline – “Ghar Ki Baat”



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Defence Affairs

1. On July 5, the Indian Naval Air Squadron 324 (INAS 324), operating the indigenously designed and built 'ALH MK III' helicopters, was commissioned into the Indian Navy's Eastern Naval Command based in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. The Eastern Naval Command, which received its first naval air squadron, is responsible for all operations in the Bay of Bengal and parts of the Indian Ocean. INAS 324 has been named 'Kestrels', which are birds of prey. The INAS 324 is equipped with 'ALH MK III' helicopters, manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). INAS 324 is commanded by Commander S. S. Dash. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'INAS 324' named 'Kestrels' – commissioned into the Indian Navy's ENC (its first naval air squadron)
- ENC is responsible for all operations in the Bay of Bengal & parts of the Indian Ocean
- HQs of Eastern Fleet – Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh | FOC Eastern Fleet – Sanjay Bhalla

2. On July 1, the Desert Corps of the Indian Army organised the "Suraksha Manthan 2022", on aspects of Border & Coastal Security at Jodhpur, Rajasthan. During the course of the discussions, aspects of interoperability, operational cohesion and logistics were ironed out in order to enhance overall security along the International Boundary (IB) and coastal sectors. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Desert Corps of the Indian Army – organised the "Suraksha Manthan 2022" at Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande | Vice Chief – Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raj

3. On July 11, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the first ever "Artificial Intelligence in Defence (AIDef)" Symposium & Exhibition, organised by Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, in New Delhi. The event will feature an exhibition to showcase the cutting edge AI-enabled solutions and launch of 75 newly-developed AI products for the market. The event will also witness panel discussions on 'Deploying AI in Defence', 'GenNext AI solutions' and 'AI in Defence - Industry Perspective'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – inaugurated the first ever "A.I. in Defence (AIDef)" Symposium & Exhibition in New Delhi
- It was organised by – Department of Defence Production, under Ministry of Defence
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt

4. The US Navy hosted the world's largest maritime exercise, "RIMPAC" (Rim of the Pacific) involving 26 countries from June 29 to August 4, 2022. 38 surface ships, 4 submarines, 9 national land forces, more than 170 aircraft, and about 25,000 personnel operated together in and around the Hawaiian Islands and southern California. RIMPAC exercise has been conducted every 2 years, on even-numbered years, for decades. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US Navy – hosted the world's largest maritime exercise, "RIMPAC" (Rim of the Pacific) involving 26 countries
- RIMPAC exercise has been conducted every 2 years
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

5. In July 2022, the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy and the Pakistan Navy kicked off the 2nd edition of "Sea Guardians-2" exercise off the Shanghai coast by deploying their new high-tech naval ships and fighter jets to jointly deal with maritime security threats. Besides building its first military base in Djibouti in the Horn of Africa in the Indian Ocean, China has acquired Pakistan's Gwadar port in the Arabian Sea. China is also developing Sri Lanka's Hambantota port after it acquired it on 99 years lease. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 2nd edition of "Sea Guardians-2" exercise – conducted between China & Pakistan off the Shanghai coast
- Additional info:
 - China is building its first military base in Djibouti in the Horn of Africa in the Indian Ocean
 - China has acquired Pakistan's Gwadar port in the Arabian Sea
 - China is also developing Sri Lanka's Hambantota port
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi](#) | [President – Xi Jinping](#)

6. On July 15, the Defence Ministry has set up an Apex Committee to conduct performance and efficiency audit of capital procurements, logistics, inventory and maintenance of assets of the armed forces. The committee will be headed by the Defence Secretary (Ajay Kumar at present). The ministry described formation of the committee as a major shift from the existing transaction-based compliance audit to carry out an outcome-based performance and efficiency audit. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Defence – set up an Apex Committee to conduct performance & efficiency audit of assets of Armed Forces
- The committee will be headed by – Defence Secretary (Ajay Kumar at present)
- [Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh](#) | [Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt](#)

7. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched "Y-3023 Dunagiri", a 'Project 17A' frigate, built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE), on river Hooghly in Kolkata. Seven P17A Frigates are under various stages of construction at Mazagaon Dock Limited (MDL) and GRSE. 'Dunagiri' would be a world class stealth frigate with multidimensional capabilities to destroy enemies from sea, sky, and underwater. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – launched "Y-3023 Dunagiri", a 'Project 17A' frigate on river Hooghly in Kolkata (built by GRSE)
- 'Dunagiri' is a world class Stealth Frigate
- [HQs of GRSE – Kolkata, India](#) | [Chairman & MD – P. R. Hari](#) | [Founded in – 1884](#)

8. On July 17, INS Sindhuvaj was decommissioned from the service after serving for 35 years. Vice-Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, was the chief guest at the ceremony. INS Sindhuvaj (S56) was a Sindhughosh-class Submarine of the Indian Navy in service from 1987. The name 'Sindhuvaj' means flag-bearer at sea. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- INS Sindhuvaj (Sindhughosh-class Submarine) – decommissioned from the service after serving for 35 years
- [HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi](#) | [Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar](#) | [VC – S. N. Ghormade](#) | [Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950](#)



9. In July 2022, Bharat Electronics (BEL) announced the signing of a contract worth Rs 250 Cr with the Ministry of Defence, for the supply of 9 integrated Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) complex (IAC) MOD 'C' Systems. IAC MOD 'C' is an integrated ASW system for all surface ships of the Indian Navy. IAC MOD C has been indigenously developed by BEL in association with the DRDO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BEL + Ministry of Defence = a contract worth Rs 250 Cr to supply 9 integrated ASW complex (IAC) MOD 'C' Systems
- IAC MOD 'C' is indigenously developed by = BEL + DRDO
- HQs of BEL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CMD – Anandi Ramalingam (addi. charge)

10. On July 18, PM Narendra Modi addressed the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) seminar named "Swavlamban". During the seminar, Prime Minister unveiled 'SPRINT Challenges', which are aimed at giving a boost to the usage of the indigenous technology in the Indian Navy. As a part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', NIIO, in conjunction with the Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO), aims at inducting at least 75 new indigenous technologies/products into the Indian Navy. This collaborative project is named "SPRINT" (Supporting Pole-Vaulting in R & D through iDEX, NIIO and TDAC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – addressed the Naval Innovation & Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) seminar named "Swavlamban"
- Narendra Modi – unveiled 'SPRINT Challenges' to boost the usage of the indigenous technology in the Indian Navy
- NIIO +DIO = started a project named "SPRINT" to induct at least 75 new indigenous technologies/products into Navy
- SPRINT – Supporting Pole-Vaulting in R & D through iDEX, NIIO and TDAC

11. On July 17, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) created its first mountain-warfare training centre in northeast India, its second overall, to skill its troops in high-altitude combat and survival tactics. With this, the ITBP aims to guard the Line of Actual Control with China. The new centre has been established in remote Dombang, abutting the LAC, and is located at a height of 10,040 ft in Sikkim. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ITBP – created its first mountain-warfare training centre in northeast India – in Dombang, Sikkim (altitude - 10,040 ft)
- HQs of ITBP – New Delhi | DG – Sanjay Arora | ADG – Manoj Singh Rawat | Established on – October 24, 1962
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad

12. On July 18, Narendra Modi unveiled India's first human carrying pilot-less drone 'Varuna' in New Delhi. This 'Varuna' drone has been designed and developed by Sagar Defence Engineering, a drone startup. This this drone has been made specifically for the use by the Indian Navy. Presently, the land-based trial is on and in the next three months the drone will be sent for sea trials. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – unveiled India's first human carrying pilot-less drone 'Varuna' in New Delhi
- 'Varuna' drone was designed & developed by – Sagar Defence Engineering

13. On July 23, a "Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)" was conducted between Japan Maritime Self Defense Force and Indian Navy in Andaman Sea. INS Sukanya participated in the exercise. The exercise was aimed at enhancing interoperability and streamlining seamanship and communication procedures. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Indian Navy + Japan Maritime Self Defense Force = conducted 'Maritime Partnership Exercise' in Andaman Sea
- INS Sukanya – participated in the exercise
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Fumio Kishida
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950

14. On July 28, Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) signed a \$100 million contract with US engine-maker Honeywell Aerospace, for 88 'TPE331-12B Engines' to power the indigenous "Hindustan Turbo Trainer - 40" (HTT-40), on which Army, Navy and Indian Air Force (IAF) pilots will first learn to fly. HAL has successfully developed Basic Trainer Aircraft "HTT-40" to address the basic training requirements of the IAF. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HAL + Honeywell Aerospace = a \$100 million contract for 88 'TPE331-12B Engines' to power the indigenous "HTT-40"
- HAL – successfully developed Basic Trainer Aircraft "HTT-40" to address the basic training requirements of the IAF
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt | Chairma & MD – R. Madhavan

15. On July 28, India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, was delivered to the Indian Navy. Vikrant is built by Cochin Shipyard Limited. Besides, 2 submarine-hunting "MH-60 Romeo" helicopters were also delivered to India by the US. The helicopter is manufactured by US major Lockheed Martin. The helicopters are among 24 MH-60 Romeos to be delivered to India by 2025. The Vikrant will be capable of operating an air wing consisting of 30 aircraft. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cochin Shipyard Ltd – delivered India's first indigenous aircraft carrier 'INS Vikrant' to Indian Navy
- Lockheed Martin (US) – delivered 2 submarine-hunting "MH-60 Romeo" helicopters to Indian Navy
- All 24 'MH 60R' helicopters will be delivered by the end of 2025
- HQs of Cochin Shipyard – Kochi, Kerala | Chairman & MD – Madhu S. Nair | Incorporated in – 1972

16. On July 28, Tata group's arm for aerospace and defence, Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL), delivered an indigenously developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle-Medium (QRFV) to the Indian Army. In the first-ever development in the Indian Defence Ecosystem, TASL became India's first private sector company to produce and deliver wheeled armoured combat-ready vehicles for the Indian armed forces in April, 2022. Infantry Protected Mobility Vehicle (IPMV) has been developed by Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) along with DRDO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TASL – delivered an indigenously developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle-Medium (QRFV) to the Indian Army
- TASL became India's 1st private company to produce wheeled armoured combat-ready vehicles for India's forces
- HQs of Tata Advanced Systems – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Sukaran Singh

17. On July 27, Japan announced to participate for the first time in Indonesia's "Garuda Shield" military exercise to be held in August, alongside the United States, Australia & Singapore. The military exercise was scheduled to be held from August 1 to 14 at Baturaja Training Area, Amborawang, and Batam Island Training Area in Indonesia. Garuda Shield is an annual combined and joint exercise between the Indonesia & the US. This joint-exercise was first held in 2009. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Japan – announced to participate for the first time in "Garuda Shield" military exercise in August 2022
- The participants of the 2022's 'Garuda Shield' exercise – US, Australia, Singapore & Japan
- Garuda Shield is an annual combined & joint exercise between Indonesia & the US | First held in – 2009



Sports & Games

1. In July 2022, Ferrari's Carlos Sainz Jr. won his career's first Formula One race at the "British Grand Prix 2022". Red Bull's Sergio Perez secured 2nd position, while Mercedes's Lewis Hamilton ranked 3rd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Carlos Sainz (Spain - Ferrari) – won Formula One race at the "British Grand Prix 2022"
- 2nd – Sergio Perez (Mexico - Red Bull) | 3rd – Lewis Hamilton (Britain - Mercedes)

2. On July 1, Swedish pole vaulter Armand Duplantis improved his own outdoor world record by clearing 6.16 metres (20 feet, 2 1/2 inches) at the Stockholm Diamond League. Duplantis also holds the indoor world record of 6.20m (20 feet, 4 inches), set at the world indoor championships in Serbia this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Armand Duplantis – improved his own outdoor world record by clearing 6.16m at 'Stockholm Diamond League'
- Armand Duplantis (Sweden - Pole Vault) – also holds the indoor world record of 6.20m

3. On July 3, Indian runner Parul Chaudhary smashed the national record at the Sunset Tour in Los Angeles, as she became the first athlete from India to clock 8:57.19 time in the women's 3000m event. The 27-year-old Parul finished third. Parul, who specialises in steeplechase, broke Suriya Loganathan's record of 9:04.5s, set 6 years ago in New Delhi. She will also be competing in the women's 3000m Steeplechase event at the "2022 World Athletics Championships" in Oregon, US. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Parul Chaudhary – smashed national record & became 1st athlete from India to clock 8:57.19 time in women's 3000m
- She broke the record at the 'Sunset Tour' in Los Angeles, US (overall 3rd in the tournament)
- "2022 World Athletics Championships" – to be held in Oregon, US

4. On July 4, Alfiya Pathan and Gitika won Gold medals in 81kg & 48kg respectively, while India's other two female boxers Kalaivani Srinivasan and Jamuna Boro signed off with silver medals in the first edition of the "Elorda Cup 2022" in Kazakhstan's capital Nur-Sultan. With this, 33-member Indian contingent concluded their campaign with 14 medals, including 2 Gold, 2 Silver & 10 Bronze, in the inaugural edition of the boxing tournament. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alfiya Pathan (81 Kg) & Gitika (48 Kg) – won Gold medals in 1st edition of "Elorda Cup 2022" in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan
- Kalaivani Srinivasan & Jamuna Boro – won Silver Medals
- India won a total of 14 Medals (2 Gold + 2 Silver + 10 Bronze) | Elorda Cup – a Boxing Championship
- Kazakhstan – Nur-Sultan – Tenge | President – Kassym-Jomart Tokayev | PM – Alikhan Smailov

5. On July 8, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel announced that the state will host the 36th "National Games" between September 27 and October 10, 2022, for the first time. More than 7,000 top sportspersons of the country are expected to showcase their might in over 34 disciplines including indoor and outdoor sports. The last edition of the National Games was organised in Kerala in 2015. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Gujarat – to host the 36th “National Games” between September 27 and October 10, 2022, for the first time
- 35th National Games were organised in Kerala in 2015
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

6. On July 9, Elena Rybakina won women’s singles title at the “Wimbledon Tennis Championship” by beating Ons Jabeur. Rybakina is the first player representing Kazakhstan to win a Grand Slam singles title. While men’s singles title was won by Novak Djokovic in June. Wimbledon is the only major tennis tournament still played on grass court, the traditional tennis playing surface. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Wimbledon Tennis Championship 2022 – held in London (the only major tennis tournament still played on grass court)
- Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan - Tennis) – won women’s singles title (beating - Ons Jabeur)
- Novak Djokovic (Serbia - Tennis) – won men’s singles title (beating - Nick Kyrgios)

7. In July 2022, Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra broke the national record again to finish second at the “Stockholm Diamond League 2022” in Sweden. Neeraj Chopra’s first throw of 89.94m helped him improve his personal best of 89.30m which was recently at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland. World champion Anderson Peters of Grenada broke the 16-year-old meet record with a huge 90.31m throw in his third attempt. Julian Weber of Germany finished third with an effort of 89.08m. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Neeraj Chopra – finished 2nd at the “Stockholm Diamond League 2022” in Sweden
- With this, Neeraj Chopra set a new National Record with throw of 89.94 metres (His previous national record - 88.30m)
- 1st – Anderson Peters (Grenada) with 90.31m | 3rd – Julian Weber (Germany) with 89.08m

8. On July 8, Young Indian Grandmaster D. Gukesh won the “Gijon Chess Masters 2022” title at Gijon, Spain. Gukesh drew with Cuban GM Martinez Duany in his final round match. With this tournament win, Gukesh has now moved up to 2693 in the live rating scale. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- D. Gukesh – won the “Gijon Chess Masters 2022” title at Gijon, Spain (beating - Martinez Duany)

9. On July 12, the NMDC Ltd (National Mineral Development Corporation) and Hyderabad Runners Society along with IDFC First Bank and Government of Telangana unveiled the logo & race T-shirt for the 11th edition of the “NMDC Hyderabad Marathon 2022”. The national mining major, NMDC has taken up the Title Sponsorship of the Hyderabad Marathon to be held on August 27-28, 2022. World Champion Boxer, Nikhat Zareen is the Face of ‘NMDC Hyderabad Marathon 2022’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NMDC Ltd + Hyderabad Runners Society + IDFC First Bank + Telangana Govt = launched unveiled the logo & race T-shirt for the 11th edition of the “NMDC Hyderabad Marathon 2022”
- Nikhat Zareen – is the Face of ‘NMDC Hyderabad Marathon 2022’
- HQs of NMDC – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Sumit Deb | Founded on – November 15, 1958
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan



10. On July 12, Indian wrestlers concluded with total 22 medals (4 Gold, 9 Silver & 9 Bronze) at the “U20 Asian Wrestling Championships” in Manama, Bahrain. Three female wrestlers - Priyanka, Aarju and Antim won Gold, while Sujeet secured the lone Gold in the men’s event. In both the men’s and women’s wrestling, the Indian team finished at 2nd spot while they finished 5th in the men’s Greco-Roman event. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian wrestlers – won 22 medals (4 Gold, 9 Silver & 9 Bronze) at “U20 Asian Wrestling Championships” in Bahrain
- Gold medalists: Priyanka, Aarju, Antim & Sujeet
- In both men’s & women’s events: 2nd rank | In Men’s Greco-Roman event: 5th rank

11. On July 11, Ferrari’s Charles Leclerc won the Formula One (F1) title of the “Austrian Grand Prix 2022” for a third victory of the season. Red Bull’s Max Verstappen finished second, while Mercedes’ Lewis Hamilton finished third. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Charles Leclerc ([Ferrari](#)) – won the “Austrian Grand Prix 2022”
- 2nd – Max Verstappen ([Red Bull](#)) | 3rd – Lewis Hamilton ([Mercedes](#))

12. On July 13, Indian Cricketer, Shikhar Dhawan announced a collaboration with Web3 fintech startup, Bliv.Club, and Web3 metaverse startup, WIOM to launch the first sports city in the metaverse. The launch is scheduled for September, 2022. The sports city in the metaverse will be home to cricket stadiums, a sportsplex, sports cafe, gym, e-sports zone, cottages, running tracks, 3D immersive sports museum and sports library. The global metaverse market is anticipated to reach a market value of around \$1,803 billion by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shikhar Dhawan collaborated with ‘Bliv.Club’ & ‘WIOM’ to launch the first sports city in the Metaverse
- Global metaverse market is anticipated to reach a market value of around \$1,803 billion by 2030

13. On July 10, India’s teenage Grandmaster P. Iniyar finished second in the “La Plagne International Open Chess Tournament 2022”. Ukraine GM Vitaly Sivuk won the first prize on the basis of a better tie-break score, while India’s Sayantan Das took the third place. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- P. Iniyar ([Indian GM](#)) – finished second in the “La Plagne International Open Chess Tournament 2022”
- 1st – Vitaly Sivuk ([Ukraine](#)) | 3rd – Sayantan Das

14. On July 12, India’s 94-year-old Bhagwani Devi Dagar bagged a Gold and two Bronze medals at the “World Masters Athletics Championships 2022” held in Finland. She achieved the feat in 100 metres sprint clocking 24.74 seconds. She also won one of the bronze medals for shot put. She is from Haryana. Moreover, another 105-year-old woman from Haryana, Rambai, has set an incredible record by becoming the oldest one to win a Gold medal in a 100m sprint race in just 45.40 seconds at the “National Open Masters Athletics Championships” in Vadodara, Gujarat, in June 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Masters Athletics Championships 2022” – held in Finland
- Bhagwani Devi Dagar ([Haryana](#)) – won a Gold & two Bronze medals in 100m sprint race (at the age of 94)
- Rambai ([Haryana](#)) – the oldest woman to win a Gold medal in a 100m sprint race at “National Open Masters Athletics Championships” in Vadodara, Gujarat (in June)



15. On July 14, the Indian shooting trio of Prithviraj Tondaiman, Vivaan Kapoor and Bhowneesh Mendiratta clinched a silver medal for the country at the ongoing “International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun” stage in Changwon, South Korea. In the Gold medal match, the Indian trio lost to their Slovakian opposition by 6-2. Moreover, India’s Arjun Babuta won Gold medal at the ISSF World Cup stage, beating Lucas Kozeniesky of the USA. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arjun Babuta ([Indian Shooter](#)) – won Gold medal at the ‘ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2022’ – in South Korea
- Prithviraj Tondaiman, Vivaan Kapoor & Bhowneesh Mendiratta ([Indian trio Shooters](#)) – won Silver medal

16. In July 2022, New Zealand Cricket (NZC) and the New Zealand Cricket Players Association (NZCPA) signed a 5-year deal to provide equal pay to both men and female cricket players. The agreement will see women’s players at both international and domestic level receive the same match fees as men across all formats and competitions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NZC + NZCPA = signed a 5-year deal to provide equal pay to both men & female Cricket Players
- [New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar \(NZD\)](#) | [PM – Jacinda Ardern](#)

17. A 215-member Indian squad participated in the 22nd edition of the “Commonwealth Games 2022”, held in Birmingham, UK from July 28 to August 8, comprising 108 male and 107 female athletes. Boxing Federation of India vice-president Rajesh Bhandari was named as chef de mission, after Cycling Federation of India Chairman Onkar Singh pulled out. It was announced that gold medal winning athletes will get Rs 20 lakh from the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). Rs 10 lakh is to be awarded to silver winners while bronze winners will get Rs 7.5 lakh. Manpreet Singh alongside ace shuttler PV Sindhu was named as India’s flagbearer for the opening ceremony. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Commonwealth Games 2022” (22nd edition) – held in Birmingham, UK (from July 28 to August 8)
- 215-member Indian squad participated in the games (108 male + 107 female athletes)
- Chef de Mission – Rajesh Bhandari (Vice-President of BFI)
- India’s flagbearers for the opening ceremony – Manpreet Singh & PV Sindhu

18. On July 14, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) announced a long-term partnership to enable the holistic growth of Athletics in India. The RIL and AFI partnership aims to discover, nurture and develop Indian athletes from across the country and provide them with world-class facilities, coaching and sports science and medicine support. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RIL + AFI = a long-term partnership to enable the holistic growth of Athletics in India
- [HQs of Reliance Industries Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [Chairman – Mukesh Ambani](#) | [Founded in – 1973](#)
- [HQs of AFI – New Delhi](#) | [President – Adille J. Sumariwalla](#) | [Secretary General – Ravinder Chaudhry](#)

19. On July 16, Young Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa won the Paracin Open ‘A’ chess tournament 2022 with 8 points from nine rounds. Alexandr Predke took the second spot with 7.5 points. Alisher Suleymenov and India’s AL Muthaiah, both scored 7 points. Suleymenov grabbed the third place on the basis of a better tie-break score. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. Praggnanandhaa – won the “Paracin Open ‘A’ Chess Tournament 2022” (with 8 points)
- 2nd – Alexandr Predke (7.5 points) | 3rd – Alisher Suleymenov (7 points)



20. On July 18, former West Indies skipper Denesh Ramdin announced his retirement from international cricket. Ramdin led West Indies in 17 matches - 13 Tests, three T20Is and an ODI after he was named West Indies' Test captain in 2014. Ramdin played his last match for West Indies in a T20I in December 2019. However, he will continue to play franchise cricket. Meanwhile, West Indies batter Lendl Simmons also announced his retirement from international cricket. [{Read more}](#).

Key Points:

- Denesh Ramdin ([West Indies](#)) – announced his retirement from International Cricket
- Lendl Simmons ([West Indies](#)) – also announced his retirement from International Cricket

21. On July 11, Double Olympic medallist P. V. Sindhu lifted the 'Super 500' trophy by winning the "Singapore Open 2022" women's singles title, beating China's Wang Zhiyi in final. This was her third title of the season, having won two Super 300 crowns in Syed Modi International and Swiss Open. While Anthony Sinisuka Ginting of Indonesia won the men's singles title by defeating Japan's Kodai Naraoka. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Singapore Open 2022 ('Super 500' trophy):
- P. V. Sindhu – won women's singles title (defeating - Wang Zhiyi)
- Anthony Sinisuka Ginting ([Indonesia](#)) – won men's singles title (defeating - Kodai Naraoka)
- HQs of BWF – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen

22. On July 16, Indian Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram emerged winner in the 41st "Villa De Benasque International Chess Open" in Spain, after edging Armenia's Robert Hovhannisyan and compatriot Raunak Sadhwani on the basis of tie-break score. Chithambaram, Hovhannisyan and Sadhwani finished on 8 points from 10 rounds. Sadhwani finished at third place behind the Armenian. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aravindh Chithambaram ([Chess](#)) – won the 41st "Villa De Benasque International Chess Open" in Spain
- 2nd – Robert Hovhannisyan | 3rd – Raunak Sadhwani
- Spain – Madrid – Euro | PM – Pedro Sanchez
- HQs of FIDE – Lausanne, Switzerland | President/Chairman – Arkady Dvorkovich | Founded on – July 20, 1924

23. On July 19, the all-rounder English Cricketer Ben Stokes announced retirement from One Day International (ODI) career after his 105th and final ODI match against South Africa in Durham, England. He is Captain of the England Test team. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ben Stokes ([England - Cricketer](#)) – announced retirement from One Day International (ODI) career
- He is Captain of the England Test Cricket team

24. On July 15, at the World Athletics Council Meeting in Oregon, USA, the World Athletics Council selected Japan's Tokyo to host the "2025 World Athletics Championships". The Council also announced that the "2024 World Athletics Cross Country Championships" will be held in Medulin and Pula in Croatia and the "2026 World Athletics Cross Country Championships" will be held in Tallahassee, Florida. The 18th edition of the "2022 World Athletics Championships" begins in Oregon, US in July. While Budapest in Hungary will host the "2023 World Athletics Championships". [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- '2022 World Athletics Championships' (18th edition) – began in Oregon, US
- '2023 World Athletics Championships' – to be held in Budapest, Hungary
- '2025 World Athletics Championships' – to be held in Tokyo, Japan
- '2024 World Athletics Cross Country Championships' – to be held in Medulin & Pula, Croatia
- '2026 World Athletics Cross Country Championships' – to be held in Tallahassee, Florida

25. In July 2022, Chico Aura Dwi Wardoyo won his first-ever Badminton World Tour Super 500 title at the “Malaysia Masters 2022” in Kuala Lumpur, defeating Hong Kong’s Angus Ng Ka-long. In the women’s singles final, South Korea’s An Se Young defeated Chen Yu Fei of China. China’s Chen Qing Chen and Jia Yi Fan won women’s doubles title. In the men’s doubles, Indonesia’s Muhammad Rian Ardianto and Fajar Alfian were the winners. Moreover, China’s Zheng Si Wei and Huang Ya Qiong secured mixed doubles title. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Malaysia Masters 2022” (Badminton) – held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Chico Aura Dwi Wardoyo – won Men’s singles & his first-ever Super 500 title (defeating - Angus Ng Ka-long)
- An Se Young – won Women’s singles title (defeating - Chen Yu Fei)
- Women’s doubles winner – Chen Qing Chen & Jia Yi Fan | Men’s doubles – Muhammad Rian Ardianto & Fajar Alfian
- [Malaysia](#) – [Kuala Lumpur](#) – [Ringgit](#) | [PM](#) – [Ismail Sabri Yaakob](#) | [King](#) – [Al-Sultan Abdullah](#)

26. In July 2022, Denmark’s Viktor Axelsen and Thailand’s Ratchanok Intanon won the men’s singles & women’s singles titles at the “2022 Malaysia Open” (also known as Petronas Malaysia Open 2022) in Kuala Lumpur. Victor won the title by defeating Japan’s Kento Momota, while Ratchanok defeated Chen Yufei of China. Takuro Hoki and Yugo Kobayashi of Japan won the men’s doubles title. While Apriyani Rahayu & Siti Fadia Silva Ramadhanti of Indonesia won the women’s doubles title. Moreover, Zheng Si Wei and Huang Ya Qiong of China were mixed doubles champions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “2022 Malaysia Open” (also known as ‘Petronas Malaysia Open 2022’) – held in Kuala Lumpur
- Viktor Axelsen ([Denmark](#)) – won the Men’s Singles titles
- Ratchanok Intanon ([Thailand](#)) – won Women’s Singles titles
- Takuro Hoki & Yugo Kobayashi ([Japan](#)) – won Men’s Doubles title
- Apriyani Rahayu & Siti Fadia Silva Ramadhanti ([Indonesia](#)) – won Women’s Doubles title
- Zheng Si Wei & Huang Ya Qiong ([China](#)) – won Mixed Doubles title

27. On July 13, the sports arm of the Adani Group, Adani Sportsline, announced the name of its team in the UAE International League T20 (ILT20) as ‘Gulf Giants’. The ‘Gulf Giants’ is an extension of Adani Sportsline’s brand - Gujarat Giants. Gulf Giants has also named Andy Flower, former Zimbabwe captain Andy Flower as its Head Coach for the inaugural season of the ILT20, which will take place between January and February 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Adani Sportsline – announced the name of its team in the UAE International League T20 as ‘Gulf Giants’
- The ‘Gulf Giants’ – an extension of Adani Sportsline’s brand - Gujarat Giants



28. On July 17, former Australian star Lleyton Hewitt was inducted into the “International Tennis Hall of Fame 2021”. The Adelaide-born tennis player has won two Grand Slam singles titles in his illustrious career. Back in 2001, Hewitt became the world no.1 at the age of 20. Back in January 2016, Hewitt took retirement from Tennis, following the Australian Open. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lleyton Hewitt ([Australia - Tennis](#)) – inducted into the “International Tennis Hall of Fame 2021”
- Hewitt became the world No. 1 at the age of 20 | Hewitt took retirement from Tennis in 2016

29. England’s Matt Fitzpatrick won his first major title by winning the U.S. Open golf tournament. With perseverance, World No. 18 Fitzpatrick delivered his first professional U.S. victory for a long-sought major trophy. Earlier, he has won the 2013 U.S. Amateur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Matt Fitzpatrick ([England](#)) – won the U.S. Open Golf Tournament

30. On July 25, the 1st Khelo India Fencing Women’s League was started at the Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi. The first-of-its-kind National Fencing Competition for Women was held in 3 phases. Over 300 women across 20 States had registered to participate in the event in the Cadet (U-17), Junior (U-20) and Senior (13 & above) categories. A total of Rs 1.54 Crore has been sanctioned by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) for this event. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st Khelo India Fencing Women’s League – started at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi
- The first-of-its-kind National Fencing Competition for Women – was held in 3 phases
- A total of Rs 1.54 Cr was sanctioned by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) for this event
- [HQs of SAI – New Delhi](#) | [DG – Sandip Pradhan](#)

31. In July 2022, Captain Rohit Sharma-led Indian Cricket Team defeated England’s team in both formats - Twenty 20 International (T20I) and One Day International (ODI), while the Test series ended in a 2-2 draw, in Manchester, England. In this match, Rohit Sharma became the first captain in the history of Cricket to win 14 consecutive T20Is. While Rishabh Pant scored his maiden Hundred in ODI for India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian – defeated England’s team in both T20I & ODI formats | Test series ended in a draw
- Rohit Sharma – became the first captain in the history of Cricket to win 14 consecutive T20Is
- [HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH](#) | [Chairman – Sourav Ganguly](#) | [Secretary – Jay Shah](#) | [Founded in – 1928](#)

32. World billiards champion Sourav Kothari won the “2022 Lance Pannell-Pacific International Snooker Championship”. In the final, Kothari thrashed top-ranked Australian cueist Johl Younger 4-0. Kothari also won the “2022 Pacific International Billiards Championship” in Melbourne, Australia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sourav Kothari – won the “2022 Lance Pannell-Pacific International Snooker Championship” (defeating - Johl Younger)
- Sourav Kothari – also won the “2022 Pacific International Billiards Championship” in Melbourne, Australia



33. On July 23, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) signed an MoU with the Gujarat government and Gujarat Olympic Association for the joint conduct of the 36th National Games to be held between September 27 and October 10, 2022 in 6 cities of Gujarat. A logo depicting two of the state's enduring and proud symbols, the Statue of Unity and the Gir Asiatic Lion, was also launched on the occasion. The tagline of the event is "Celebrating Unity Through Sports". Devendrasingh Solanki is the President of Gujarat Olympic Association. There will be a total of 36 sports on the roster of the Games. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IOA + Gujarat Olympic Association + Gujarat Govt = an MoU for the joint conduct of the 36th National Games
- Venue: in 6 cities of Gujarat (between Sep 27 & Oct 10, 2022)
- National Games Logo depicts the Statue of Unity & the Gir Asiatic Lion | Tagline – "Celebrating Unity Through Sports"
- [President of Gujarat Olympic Association – Devendrasingh Solanki](#)
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat](#)

34. India will host the 2025 ICC Women's ODI World Cup, as announced by the International Cricket Council (ICC) on July 26, 2022. Bangladesh will host the 2024 ICC Women's T20 World Cup, the 2026 edition will be held in England, while Sri Lanka will host the 2027 edition of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup. The hosts were selected via a bidding process overseen by a ICC Board sub-committee which included BCCI President Sourav Ganguly. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to host the '2025 ICC Women's ODI World Cup'
- ICC also announced the hosting countries for the "ICC Women's T20 World Cup":
 - 2024 edition – Bangladesh | 2026 edition – England | 2027 edition – Sri Lanka
- [HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Geoff Allardice | Members – 106 countries](#)

35. The "Yonex Taipei Open 2022" badminton competition was held from July 19 to July 24 at the Taipei Heping Basketball Gymnasium in Taipei, Taiwan. In the tournament, Tai Tzu-ying and Chou Tien Chen, both from Taiwan, won women's singles & men's singles titles, respectively. While men's doubles was won by Malaysian Badminton players Man Wei Chong & Tee Kai Wun. Hongkong's Ng Tsz Yau & Tsang Hiu Yan won women's double. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Yonex Taipei Open 2022" badminton competition – held in Taipei, Taiwan
- Chou Tien Chen (Taiwan) – won Men's singles | Tai Tzu-ying (Taiwan) – won Women's singles
- Man Wei Chong + Tee Kai Wun (Malaysia) – won Men's doubles
- Ng Tsz Yau + Tsang Hiu Yan (Hongkong) – won Women's double
- [Taiwan – Taipei – New Taiwan dollar | President – Tsai Ing-wen](#)

36. In July 2022, the Netherlands won the 15th edition of the "FIH Women's Hockey World Cup" by beating Argentina in the final. While Australia stood at third position. The 2022 Women's FIH Hockey World Cup was hosted by Spain & the Netherlands from July 1 to 17, 2022 and it was organized by the International Hockey Federation (FIH). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 15th "FIH Women's Hockey World Cup" – held in Spain & the Netherlands
- Netherlands – won the World Cup | 2nd – Argentina | 3rd – Australia
- [HQs of FIH – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Seif Ahmed | CEO – Thierry Weil | Founded in – 1924](#)
- [Netherlands – Amsterdam – Euro | PM – Mark Rutte](#)



37. On July 25, Red Bull Racing's Max Verstappen of the Netherlands won the Formula One (F1) "French Grand Prix 2022", after Ferrari's Charles Leclerc crashed out. Seven-time F1 champion and Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton finished second and marked his 300th GP. While Mercedes driver George Russell finished third. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Verstappen (Belgium - Red Bull) – won the F1 "French Grand Prix 2022"
- 2nd – Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) | 3rd – George Russell (Mercedes)

38. On July 24, Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra won a historic silver medal at the 18th edition of "World Athletics Championships 2022" in Oregon, USA. Neeraj recorded a throw of 88.13m in his fourth attempt to claim the second spot. Chopra thus is the first Indian to win a silver medal at World Athletics Championships and only the second medallist from India after Anju Bobby George in 2003. Grenada's Anderson Peters won Gold medal with a throw of 90.21m. Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch finished third with a throw of 88.09m. With Chopra's one silver medal, India stood at 33rd place in medals tally which was topped by the US with total 33 medals, including 13 Gold. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Neeraj Chopra – won silver medal at the 18th edition of "World Athletics Championships 2022" in Oregon, USA
- Neeraj Chopra – the first Indian to win a silver medal at "World Athletics Championships"
- Gold – Anderson Peters (Grenada) with 90.21m | Bronze – Jakub Vadlejch (Czech Republic) with 88.09m
- Medals tally: India – 33rd (1 Silver) | 1st – US (13 Gold)

39. India topped the medal tally at the "ISSF World Cup Changwon 2022" in South Korea with a total of 15 medals including 5 Gold, 6 Silver & 4 Bronze. Indian men's 25m rapid fire pistol team including Anish Bhanwala, Vijayveer Sidhu and Sameer bagged the silver medal on the last day of the tournament. This is the second time this year that the Indian shooters had topped the ISSF World Cup medals table. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "ISSF World Cup Changwon 2022" – held in South Korea
- India – topped the medal tally with a total of 15 medals (5 Gold, 6 Silver & 4 Bronze)
- Indian men's 25m rapid fire pistol team – won Silver medal on the last day of the tournament
- HQs of ISSF – Munich, Germany | President – Vladimir Lisin

40. On July 19, the organisers of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games announced that Opening Ceremony of the "2028 Summer Olympic Games" or "2028 Los Angeles Olympics" is set for July 14, 2028 and will continue till July 30 in Los Angeles, US. In addition, the 2028 Los Angeles Paralympic Games will be held from August 15 to 27, 2028. Los Angeles previously hosted the Olympics in 1984 and 1932. Moreover, the organisers unveiled "Games Wide Open" (Ouvrons Grand Les Jeux), as the official slogan for the 2024 Summer Olympic and 2024 Summer Paralympic Games to be held in Paris, France. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Opening Ceremony of the "2028 Los Angeles Olympics" – to be in Los Angeles, US (from July 14, 2028 to July 30)
- Los Angeles previously hosted the Olympics in – 1984 & 1932
- Official slogan for '2024 Summer Paralympic' (Paris, France) – "Games Wide Open" (Ouvrons Grand Les Jeux)



41. On July 27, Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) announced a long-term partnership to establish the first-ever India House at Paris Olympics 2024. In the run-up to the Paris 2024 Olympics, India will also be hosting the 140th prestigious IOC Session in June 2023 at the state-of-the-art Jio World Centre in Mumbai. The IOA & RIL will together elevate the performances of Indian athletes, support the national sports federations and build the credentials of India as a global sporting nation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IOA + RIL = a long-term partnership to establish the first-ever India House at the 'Paris Olympics 2024'
- HQs of IOA – New Delhi | President – Adille Sumariwalla (interim) | Secretary General – Rajeev Mehta
- HQs of Reliance Industries Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani | Founded in – 1973

42. On July 30, Sanket Sargar created history at the "Commonwealth Games 2022" in Birmingham, by snatching India's first medal at the competition this time. In the 55-kg Men's Weightlifting category, the weightlifter lifted a total of 248 kg to clinch the Silver medal, and finished just 1 kg short of the Gold medallist Aniq Kasdan of Malaysia. Sanket Sargar first came into the international limelight at the "Singapore International Weightlifting Meet 2022" where he lifted a total weight of 256 kg to clinch the gold medal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 22nd "Commonwealth Games 2022" – held in Birmingham, England, UK
- India's 1st medal at 'CWG 2022' won by – Sanket Sargar (Silver) in 55-kg men's weightlifting category
- India's Chef de Mission at 'CWG 2022' – Rajesh Bhandari (Vice-President of BFI)
- India's flagbearers for the opening ceremony at 'CWG 2022' – Manpreet Singh & PV Sindhu
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

43. On July 30, Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu (49kg) from Manipur claimed India's first Gold medal at the "Commonwealth Games 2022" in Birmingham. She ended with a total lift of 201kg (88kg+113kg), which is far from her personal best. She had won Silver medal at the '2020 Tokyo Olympics' in Women's 49 kg category. India's other Gold medalists at 'CWG 2022' are - Jeremy Lalrinnunga, Achinta Sheuli, Sudhir, Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik, Deepak Punia, Ravi Kumar Dahiya, Vinesh Phogat, Naveen, Bhavina Patel, Nitu Ghangas, Amit Panghal, Eldhose Paul, Nikhat Zareen, Sharath Kamal/Sreeja Akula, PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy/Chirag Shetty, Sharath Kamal, Indian women's team (Lawn bowls), and Indian men's team (Table Tennis). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mirabai Chanu (49kg) – won India's 1st Gold medal at "Commonwealth Games 2022" in Birmingham (total 201kg)

44. The 14-year-old Squash player Anahat Singh, from Delhi, was the youngest member of the Indian contingent at the "Commonwealth Games 2022". Anahat has already won more than 50 titles including the US Junior Open, the British, German and Dutch Junior Opens and Asian Championship. She is the first sportswoman to win the British Junior Squash Open in 2019 and US Junior Squash Open in 2021. She has also qualified for the World Juniors Squash Championships 2022 in Nancy, France, scheduled to begin on August 9 and is poised to become the youngest Indian to feature in this tournament too. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Youngest member of the Indian contingent at the "CWG 2022" – 14-year old Anahat Singh (Squash)
- She is the first sportswoman to win the 'British Junior Squash Open' in 2019 & 'US Junior Squash Open' in 2021

45. On July 26, Global payments and technology company Mastercard is set to replace Paytm as the title sponsor for all international and domestic cricket matches organised by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). The BCCI has, reportedly, accepted Paytm's plea for the reassignment of its title rights. Paytm has been BCCI's title sponsor since 2015, and renewed the contract in August 2019 for up to March 31, 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mastercard – replaces Paytm as the title sponsor for all international & domestic cricket matches organised by BCCI
- HQs of Paytm – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma | Founded in – 2010
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, US | CEO – Michael Miebach | Founded in – 1966
- HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sourav Ganguly | Secretary – Jay Shah | Founded in – 1928

46. On July 28, four-time world champion Sebastian Vettel announced to retire from Formula One at the end of the 2022 Season. The 35-year-old German, who currently drives for the Aston Martin team, won his titles with Red Bull from 2010-13 and also spent six seasons with Ferrari. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sebastian Vettel ([Germany - Aston Martin](#)) – announced to retire from Formula One at the end of 2022 Season

47. On July 31, Red Bull driver Max Verstappen of the Netherlands won the “Hungarian Grand Prix 2022” in Budapest, Hungary. Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton finished second for Mercedes with teammate George Russell, who took third place. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Verstappen ([Belgian-Dutch - Red Bull](#)) – won “Hungarian Grand Prix 2022”
- 2nd – Lewis Hamilton ([Mercedes](#)) | 3rd – George Russell ([Mercedes](#))

48. On July 25, in “Swiss Open 2022” tennis tournament, Casper Ruud defeated Matteo Berrettini to claim his 9th career title. Casper beat Matteo Berrettini with 4-6, 7-6 (7/4), 6-2 in a high quality final of the clay-court ATP event in Gstaad, Switzerland. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Casper Ruud – won “Swiss Open 2022” (defeating - Matteo Berrettini)
- This is his 9th career title



Persons in News

1. Kaamya Karthikeyan has become the youngest Indian to scale the summit of Mount Denali, the highest mountain peak in North America at 20,310 feet. It is located in south-central Alaska, US. Karthikeyan is a Class 10 student of Navy Children School (NCS) in Mumbai. With Mount Everest and Mount Vinson as well as polar ski traverses remaining, Kaamya is well placed to complete the Explorer's Grand slam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kaamya Karthikeya ([Mumbai](#)) – became the youngest Indian to scale the summit of 'Mount Denali'
- Mount Denali – located in south-central Alaska, US | ([Height - 20,310 feet](#))

2. On July 2, Indian Scientist Dr. Hemachandran Ravikumar was elected as the Member of the Royal Society of Biology (MRSB), London, for his outstanding contributions in the field of Bio-Science, Microbiological Studies and Neuro-Science. This year Dr Hemachandran Ravikumar has also been conferred with 'The National Science Medal' for his indefatigable contribution in the field of Biology for "The Study of Memory Activities of the Cells in the Homo sapiens" and "Summarised Facts, Managements and Treatment Pattern for COVID-19" (Co-author - Mathunila Vissagan). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Hemachandran Ravikumar ([Indian Scientist](#)) – elected as the Member of the Royal Society of Biology (MRSB), London
- In 2022, he has also been conferred with 'The National Science Medal'

3. On July 8, the First Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Gita Gopinath has become the first woman & second Indian to be featured on the 'Wall of Former Chief Economists' of the IMF. The first Indian to achieve the honour was none other than Raghuram Rajan as IMF's Chief Economist and Director of Research between the years 2003 and 2006. Indian government had conferred her "Pravasi Bharatiya Samman", the highest honour conferred on overseas Indians by the government. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gita Gopinath – 1st woman & 2nd Indian to be featured on 'Wall of Former Chief Economists' of IMF
- Raghuram Rajan – 1st Indian to achieve this honour
- [HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., USA](#) | [President – Kristalina Georgieva](#) | [Member countries – 190](#)

4. On July 21, a Nepali mountaineer Sanu Sherpa, 47, became the first person to complete all 14 of the world's 8,000-metre peaks for the second time. He reached the summit of Pakistan's Gasherbrum II (8,035 metres) in July and achieved this milestone. He climbed his first 8,000-metre mountain in 2006. By 2019, he had summited all 14 8,000-metre peaks for the first time, one of around 40 people to do so at that time. He has reached the 8,849-metre (29,032-foot) top of Mount Everest 7 times. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanu Sherpa ([Nepali mountaineer](#)) – became the first person to complete all 14 of the world's 8,000-metre peaks twice
- He has reached the top of Mount Everest 7 times

5. On July 27, England's Leicester Cricket Ground has been named after India's legendary cricketer, Sunil Gavaskar. The former Indian cricket team captain Gavaskar is often considered one of the most skilled batters ever. He was the first cricketer to score 10,000 runs in Test cricket and once held the record for most number (34) of centuries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Leicester Cricket Ground ([England](#)) – named after Sunil Gavaskar
- Gavaskar – 1st cricketer to score 10,000 runs in Test cricket
- [UK – London – Pound Sterling](#) | [PM – Boris Johnson](#)



Arts & Cultural Affairs

1. On July 8, a Steering Committee has been formed for the 53rd International Film Festival of India, scheduled to be held during 20-28 November 2022 at Goa. The festival aims at providing a common platform for filmmakers from across the globe to showcase their talent. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Steering Committee has been formed for the 53rd International Film Festival of India – to be held in Goa in Nov 2022
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

2. On July 7, Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated “SVANidhi Mahotsav”, a cultural festival for celebrating the success of PM SVANidhi Scheme and launched “SVANidhi Mahotsav” website. The ‘SVANidhi Mahotsav’ was organised by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs from 9 July to 31 July, 2022 in 75 cities across 33 States/UTs. PM SVANidhi scheme was launched on June 1, 2020 to facilitate working capital loans to the street vendors to help them restart their businesses which were adversely impacted due to the lockdowns imposed during COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoHUA – inaugurated “SVANidhi Mahotsav”, a cultural festival for celebrating the success of ‘PM SVANidhi’ Scheme
- ‘SVANidhi Mahotsav’ – was organised by the MoHUA from 9 July to 31 July, 2022 in 75 cities across 33 States/UTs
- ‘PM SVANidhi’ scheme was launched by MoHUA – in June, 2020
- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri | Constituency – Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs: Kaushal Kishore

3. On July 14, National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi organized the 22nd “Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2022” festival in New Delhi to remember and pay tribute to our freedom fighters, under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Under this series, 30 plays would be showcased in different cities of India. The festival was inaugurated on July 16, 2022 at Kamani auditorium, New Delhi and subsequently it was scheduled to be organized in 5 other cities namely - Bhubaneswar, Varanasi, Amritsar, Bengaluru and Mumbai. A special show for the culmination of this festival was set to be organized in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi August 14, 2022. NSD works under Ministry of Culture. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- National School of Drama – organized the 22nd “Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2022” festival in New Delhi
- It was scheduled to be organized in 5 other cities namely - Bhubaneswar, Varanasi, Amritsar, Bengaluru and Mumbai
- NSD works under – Ministry of Culture
- Minister of Culture: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Minister of Culture: Arjun Ram Meghwal & Meenakshi Lekhi



Science & Technology

1. On July 1, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully carried out the maiden flight of the “Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator” from the Aeronautical Test Range, Chitradurga, Karnataka. Powered by a small turbofan engine, the unmanned aerial vehicle is designed and developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru, a premier research laboratory of DRDO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO – successfully carried out maiden flight of the “Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator”
- It was launched from – Aeronautical Test Range, Chitradurga, Karnataka
- Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator – designed & developed by DRDO-ADE ([Bengaluru](#))
- [HQs of DRDO – New Delhi](#) | [Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy](#) | [Established in – 1958](#)

2. On July 4, Minister of State (I/C) Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated first-of-its-kind, state-of-the-art “Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation (TiHAN)” to develop unmanned ground and aerial vehicles at IIT Hyderabad. The “Autonomous Navigation” facility is a multidisciplinary initiative which is funded by the Ministry of Science & Technology at a budget of Rs 130 Cr. It will make India a global player in the futuristic and next generation “Smart Mobility” technology. The Minister also appreciated that IIT Hyderabad has established a new Post-Graduation course of M.Tech in “Smart Mobility”, which is the first-of-its-kind in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – inaugurated “Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation (TiHAN)” at IIT Hyderabad
- “Autonomous Navigation” facility – a multidisciplinary initiative, funded by Ministry of S&T
- [MoS \(I/C\) in the Ministry of Science & Technology: Dr. Jitendra Singh](#) | [Constituency – Udhampur, J&K](#)

3. On July 4, Centre of Excellence on Satellite & Unmanned Remote Vehicle Initiative (CoE-SURVEI) has developed an AI-based software which can automatically detect change on ground, including unauthorised constructions and encroachments in a time series using Satellite Imagery. This ‘Change Detection Software’ has been developed by CoE-SURVEI in collaboration with knowledge partner Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Visakhapatnam. The initiative was established by Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE) at the National Institute of Defence Estates Management in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. The centre uses the application across the 62 cantonments in India. The CoE-SURVEI has also developed tools for vacant land analysis and 3D imagery analysis of hill cantonments for land management. By leveraging technology, it is trying to ensure optimum use of defence land through GIS-based land management systems. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CoE-SURVEI + BARC = developed an AI-based ‘Change Detection Software’ to detect encroachments on defence land
- The initiative was established by – DGDE ([New Delhi](#))
- CoE-SURVEI – also developed tools for vacant land analysis and 3D imagery analysis of hill cantonments

4. On July, Virgin Orbit launched 7 satellites in its first night mission. Virgin Orbit’s carrier plane, a modified ‘Boeing 747’ called “Cosmic Girl”, lifted off from the Mojave Air and Space Port in Southern California, US with the company’s Launcher One rocket. It was the 4th consecutive successful launch & the first night launch for Virgin Orbit. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Virgin Orbit – launched 7 satellites in its first night mission using its carrier plane “Cosmic Girl” (a modified ‘Boeing 747’)
- HQs of Virgin Group – London, UK | CEO – Josh Bayliss
- HQs of Virgin Orbit – California, USA | President & CEO – Dan Hart | Founder – Richard Branson

5. On July 5, Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed a design framework to build next-generation analog computing chipsets that could be faster and require less power than the digital chips found in most electronic devices. The chipset called “ARYABHAT-1” (Analog Reconfigurable technology And Bias-scalable Hardware for AI Tasks) is built using a novel design framework. This type of chipset can be especially helpful for AI-based applications, like Alexa or Siri. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IISc developed a design framework to build Next-generation Analog Computing Chipsets called “ARYABHAT-1”
- ARYABHAT – **A**nalog **R**econfigurable technology **A**nd **B**ias-scalable **H**ardware for **A**I **T**asks
- Director of IISc, Bangalore – Govindan Rangarajan | Established in – 1909

6. On July 5, Researchers from Bengaluru’s Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) discovered a novel material called “Single-crystalline scandium Nitride (ScN)” that can emit, detect, and modulate infrared light with high efficiencies. The newly discovered material can convert infrared light to Renewable Energy. The exotic polaritons in the ScN can be utilized for solar and thermal energy harvesting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JNCASR (Bengaluru) – discovered a novel material called “Single-crystalline scandium Nitride (ScN)”
- The newly discovered material can convert infrared light to Renewable Energy

7. On July 4, a plant species, *Brachystelma attenuatum*, which scientists had presumed extinct has been rediscovered in Hamirpur and Mandi districts of Himachal Pradesh after 188 years. The plant was identified by researchers from Botanical Survey of India, Dehradun and Himachal Pradesh University (HPU), Shimla. The last record of the rare plant dates back to 1835. A study on the rediscovery of the species was recently published in July 2022 issue of ‘Oryx’, an international research journal published by Cambridge University Press on behalf of Fauna & Flora International. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- *Brachystelma attenuatum* (plant species) – presumed to be extinct, is rediscovered in Himachal Pradesh after 188 years
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

8. The UK hosted the 4th “Summit for Space Sustainability” in London, in collaboration with the Secure World Foundation. In line with the ambitious ‘UK National Space Strategy’, George Freeman, the Minister of Science, announced a new ‘Plan for Space Sustainability’. The UK also called for an “Astro Carta” for space sustainability, based on the Artemis Accords model for sustainable space exploration. Moreover, the ISRO is developing a docking experiment called ‘SPADEX’ to provide in-orbit servicing. It looks at docking a satellite on an existing satellite, offering support in re-fuelling and other in-orbit services while enhancing the capability of a satellite. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- UK + Secure World Foundation = hosted the 4th “Summit for Space Sustainability” in London
- UK – announced a new ‘Plan for Space Sustainability’ in line with ‘UK National Space Strategy’
- ISRO – developing a docking experiment called ‘SPADEX’ to provide in-orbit servicing
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969

9. On July 2, India added 540 species to its faunal database in 2021 taking the total number of animal species to 1,03,258 in India. India also added 315 taxa to the Indian flora during 2021, taking the number of floral taxa in the country to 55,048. Among the new species discovered is one species from mammal, 35 reptiles and 19 species of pisces. The new mammal species discovered is *Crocidura narcondamica*, a white-toothed shrew, from Narcondam Island of the Andaman and Nicobar group of islands. With 1.03 lakh species of fauna, India contributes to 6.1% of faunal diversity in the world. The details of new discoveries and new records of fauna and flora were published by Bhupendra Yadav, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, at the headquarters of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) in Kolkata. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhupendra Yadav – published the details of new discoveries & new records of Fauna & Flora
- India – added 540 species to its faunal database in 2021 taking total number of animal species to 1,03,258 in India
- India – added 315 taxa to the Indian flora during 2021, taking the number of floral taxa to 55,048 in India
- ‘*Crocidura narcondamica*’, a white-toothed shrew – discovered from Narcondam Island of the Andaman & Nicobar

10. On July 8, the Indian Council for Agricultural Research - National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR) has discovered two new species of marine fish in Tamil Nadu. One of them, a sardine variety from Pattinapakkam fish landing centre in the city, was named ‘*Dussumieria modakandai*’. While the other was a species of eel, belonging to congrid eels group, and was named ‘*Ariosoma albimaculata*’ (white spotted stout conger). The discovery was published in the international journal Fish Biology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICAR-NBFGR – discovered 2 new species of marine fish ‘*Dussumieria modakandai*’ & ‘*Ariosoma albimaculata*’ in TN
- Published by – International Journal Fish Biology
- ICAR-NBFGR – located in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

11. On July 6, Researchers at the IIT Madras developed an Artificial Intelligence-based tool namely “Pivot” that can identify cancer-causing genes. The AI tool can predict cancer-causing genes in an individual thus assisting in not only reducing the side-effects of drugs but also in better recovery for patients. Their findings were published in the journal Frontier in Genetics. The tool is based on machine learning model that classifies genes as tumour suppressor, neutral or oncogenes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Madras – developed an AI tool “Pivot” that can identify cancer-causing genes
- Director of IIT Madras – Bhaskar Ramamurthi



12. On July 7, Scientists of Switzerland-based European Council for Nuclear Research (CERN) discovered three new 'exotic' sub-atomic particles, a new kind of "Pentaquark" and the first-ever pair of "Tetraquarks" with the help of Large Hadron Collider (LHC) for the first time. Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucleaire (CERN) is the original name of the European Organisation for Nuclear Research. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scientists of CERN discovered 3 new 'exotic' sub-atomic particles by using 'Large Hadron Collider (LHC)' for the first time
- It's a new kind of "Pentaquark" & the first-ever pair of "Tetraquarks"
- [HQs of CERN – Meyrin, Switzerland](#)

13. On July 7, Astrome Technologies developed the world's first multi-link E-Band Radio, "GigaMesh". The startup is supported by AI & Robotics Technology Park (ARTPARK), the technology innovation hub at the IISc, Bengaluru. GigaMesh wirelessly provides fibre-like backhaul capacity and paves the way for 5G. Besides this, AI researchers at ARTPARK, in collaboration with Niramai Health Analytix and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), also developed "XraySetu", a platform that can interpret chest X-rays with 98.86 % sensitivity toward COVID-19 within few seconds. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Astrome Technologies (Bengaluru) – developed the world's first multi-link E-Band Radio - "GigaMesh"
- GigaMesh wirelessly provides fibre-like backhaul capacity & paves the way for 5G
- Astrome Technologies – supported by ARTPARK (IISc, Bengaluru)
- ARTPARK + Niramai Health Analytix + IISc = developed "XraySetu" platform

14. On July 11, the NASA successfully tested a new waste disposal technology aboard the International Space Station (ISS) developed by Texas-based space technology company Nanoracks. The test demonstrated a more efficient and sustainable model of removing waste from the ISS and could turn out to be a critical new utility function for all future space stations. The new concept developed by Nanoracks uses a specially designed waste container which is mounted in the Bishop Airlock. Crew members can fill it up with around 270 kilograms of waste. After this, the container is released, and just like the Cygnus method, it completely burns up during re-entry into Earth's atmosphere. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA – tested a new waste disposal technology aboard the ISS | Developed by – Nanoracks ([Texas, US](#))
- A specially designed waste container is used in which around 270 kg of waste can be filled
- [HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., US](#) | [Administrator – Bill Nelson](#) | [Founded in – 1958](#)

15. In July 2022, Researchers at Kew Gardens in London, UK, have discovered a new & third species of the giant Water Lily called "Victoria boliviana". Two previously known species are Victoria amazonica and Victoria cruziana. The overall genus Victoria was originally named after the UK's Queen Victoria in 1852, and boliviana comes from the fact that it originated from Bolivia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Researchers at UK – discovered a new & third species of the giant Water Lily called "Victoria boliviana"
- Two previously known species are – Victoria amazonica & Victoria cruziana
- [UK – London – Pound Sterling](#) | [PM – Boris Johnson](#)



16. On July 11, Union Minister for State (MoS) in the Department of Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the “ISRO System for Safe & Sustainable Operation” (IS4OM) at ISRO Control Centre, Bengaluru. IS4OM facility will aid India in achieving its SSA (Space Situational Awareness) goals by providing a comprehensive and timely information of the Space environment to users. Around 60 Startups have registered with ISRO since unlocking of the Indian Space sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – inaugurated the “ISRO System for Safe & Sustainable Operation” in Bengaluru
- IS4OM facility will aid India in achieving its SSA (Space Situational Awareness) Goals
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969

17. On July 7, researchers in the US have developed a novel strategy in Oncolytic Virotherapy (OV) to improve a cancer therapy. Oncolytic viruses can kill cancer cells while leaving nearby healthy cells and tissues intact. In oncolytic virotherapy, the treatment also exerts its influence by activating an antitumor immune response made of immune cells such as natural killer (NK) cells. This approach consists of a new oncolytic virus called “FusOn-H2”, based on the Herpes simplex 2 virus, (HSV-2), commonly known as Genital Herpes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Researchers from US – developed a novel strategy in Oncolytic Virotherapy (OV) to improve Cancer therapy
- This approach consists of a new oncolytic virus called “FusOn-H2” based on HSV-2 virus (also known as ‘Genital Herpes’)
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

18. On July 8, Nokia partnered with Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru to set-up “Nokia Center of Excellence in Networked Robotics” in Bengaluru. The Center of Excellence (CoE) will promote inter-disciplinary research involving robotics and advanced communication technologies in 5G and Artificial Intelligence (AI). Nokia will fund the CoE for 3 consecutive years in order to sustain the first phase of the partnership. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nokia + IISc, Bengaluru = partnered to set-up “Nokia Center of Excellence in Networked Robotics” in Bengaluru
- Nokia will fund the CoE for 3 consecutive years
- HQs of Nokia – Espoo, Finland | CEO – Pekka Lundmark

19. On July 8, the US-based GE Healthcare announced the launch of its 5G Innovation Lab in India and across the globe. The 5G innovation lab is situated at the John F. Welch Technology Centre (JFWTC) Bengaluru and is GE Healthcare’s largest R&D centre outside of the USA. At the 5G Innovation Lab, their lead scientists and technologists will research and develop solutions for the most pressing healthcare issues, for India and the world. GE Healthcare is a billion-healthcare business of General Electric. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GE Healthcare (US) – announced the launch of its 5G Innovation Lab in India & across the globe – located at Bengaluru
- It is GE Healthcare’s largest R&D centre outside of the USA

20. On July 13, Chennai-based space tech start-up, Agnikul Cosmos, opened its rocket making facility “Rocket Factory - 1”, which is India’s first-ever facility dedicated to 3D printed rocket engines. The facility is situated at the IIT Madras Research Park and was formally inaugurated by N. Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Sons and S. Somanath, Chairman of ISRO. Agnikul had entered into an agreement with EOS in 2021 as their 3D printing partner for engines. Agnikul is also building India’s first private small satellite launch vehicle - “Agnibaan”. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Agnikul Cosmos – India’s first-ever facility dedicated to 3D printed rocket engines namely “Rocket Factory - 1”
- Agnikul Cosmos – is also building India’s first private small satellite launch vehicle - “Agnibaan”
- HQs of Agnikul Cosmos – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | Co-Founder & CEO – Srinath Ravichandran

21. On July 14, Samsung developed a new graphics Dynamic Random-Access Memory (DRAM) chip called “Graphics Double Data Rate 6 (GDDR6)” with a faster speed and improved power efficiency. The 24-gigabit GDDR6 adopts 3rd-generation, 10-nanometer technology and boasts a data processing speed that is over 30% faster than existing products. The new DRAM chip can process graphic images at a rate of up to 1.1 terabytes per second, which Samsung claims is the fastest in the world. The GDDR6 DRAM also improves power efficiency more than 20%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Samsung – developed a new (24-gigabit) graphics DRAM chip called “Graphics Double Data Rate 6 (GDDR6)”
- The new DRAM chip can process graphic images at a rate of up to 1.1 terabytes per second
- HQs of Samsung Electronics – Suwon-si, South Korea | CEO – Jong Hee Han

22. On July 14, Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani (BITS Pilani) Hyderabad’s Technology Business Incubator (TBI) announced to support ‘Abyom’, a start-up looking to develop ‘Reignition Liquid Engine’ for building India’s first reusable sounding rocket. Abyom, recognized by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), is working on building a liquid propulsion rocket engine and testing system for use on space launch vehicles. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BITS Pilani Hyderabad’s Technology Business Incubator – will support ‘Abyom’ to develop ‘Reignition Liquid Engine’
- Abyom is working on building a Liquid Propulsion Rocket Engine, India’s first reusable sounding rocket
- Location of BITS Pilani – Pilani, Rajasthan
- HQs of Abyom SpaceTech & Defence – Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh

23. On July 13, the US Air Force successfully tested two Lockheed Martin Corp hypersonic missiles. The US Air Force successfully tested its Air-Launched Rapid Response Weapon (ARRW) booster off the California coast. In a separate successful hypersonic weapon test, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) demonstrated its Operational Fires program. Hypersonic weapons travel in the upper atmosphere at speeds of more than five times the speed of sound, or about 6,200 km (3,853 miles) per hour. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US Air Force successfully tested two Lockheed Martin Corp hypersonic missiles:
 - Air-Launched Rapid Response Weapon (ARRW) booster
 - DARPA demonstrated its Operational Fires program
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

24. In July 2022, Researchers have identified a new species of evergreen tree belonging to the genus ‘Miliusa’ from the Agasthyamala biosphere reserve in the southern arm of the Western Ghats in the Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala. The tree, which grows to a height of about 6 to 9 metres with drooping branches, has been christened “Miliusa agasthyamalana” after the location where it was found. The discovery was published in the journal Phytotaxa. The identification of the new species has also taken the total number of species of Miliusa found in India to 25. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Miliusa agasthyamalana”, a new species of ‘Miliusa’ tree – discovered from Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve in Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

25. On July 15, Syngenta, a global agri-business major, launched a unique Biodiversity Sensor Project, claimed to be the first in the world, in collaboration with IIT Ropar, to study the behaviour of insects around farms, particularly bees and butterflies. The project will monitor to identify and quantify insect life in an around farms to give real-time data on biodiversity through a sensor. The data will be open source and free for anyone to access across the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Syngenta + IIT Ropar = launched a unique ‘Biodiversity Sensor Project’ to study the behaviour of insects around farms
- HQs of Syngenta – Basel, Switzerland | CEO – J. Erik Fyrwald
- Director of IIT Ropar – Rajeev Ahuja

26. On July 15, the Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Centre (RGCI) has installed the first-ever made in India surgical robotic system, “SSI-Mantra”, devised by new-age Indian med-tech start-up SS Innovations. The RGCI is a visionary project of the Indraprastha Cancer Society and Research Centre aimed at providing the best of oncological care to those who need it. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute & Research Centre – installed first-ever made in India surgical robotic system, “SSI-Mantra”
- RGCI – is a project of Indraprastha Cancer Society & Research Centre

27. On July 13, Scientists and research scholars of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) discovered a new Eel species in Purba Medinipur, West Bengal. It has been named “Ariosoma Bengalense”. The species is distributed in the northern part of Bay of Bengal. The discovery was published in Zootaxa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Ariosoma Bengalense”, a new Eel species – discovered by ZSI in Purba Medinipur, West Bengal
- The discovery was published in ‘Zootaxa’

28. As of July 2022, the most sensitive dark matter detector experiment in the world is “LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ)” in South Dakota in the US. Many physicists strongly believe that the entire visible part of the universe forms only 5% of all matter in it. They believe the rest is made up of dark matter and dark energy. Dark matter is made up of particles that do not have a charge, which means they do not interact through electromagnetic interactions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The most sensitive dark matter detector experiment in the world is “LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ)” in South Dakota in the US
- Dark matter is made up of particles that do not have a charge
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

29. In July 2022, a rare 170-carat pink rough diamond called ‘The Lulo Rose’, weighing 34 grams, was discovered at Lucapa’s Lulo Mine in Angola. It is touted to be the largest pink diamond discovered in the last 300 years. Lucapa Diamond Company stated that the pink diamond is the 5th largest diamond and the 27th 100+ carat diamond extracted in the Lulo Mining project till date. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- 'The Lulo Rose' (largest pink diamond found in last 300 years) – discovered at Lucapa's Lulo Mine in Angola (170-carat)
- Pink diamond is the 5th largest diamond and the 27th 100+ carat diamond extracted in the Lulo Mining project till date
- [Angola – Luanda – Kwanza](#) | [PM – Joao Lourenco](#)

30. On July 24, China launched 'Wentian', the 2nd of the 3 modules to its Permanent Space Station. The 23-tonne Wentian ("Quest for the Heavens") laboratory module was launched on the back of China's most powerful rocket, 'Long March 5B' from the Wenchang Space Launch Center on the southern island of Hainan. China began constructing the space station in April 2021 with the launch of 'Tianhe', the first module. The third lab module, 'Mengtian' ("Dreaming of the Heavens"), is expected to be launched in October 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – launched 'Wentian', the 2nd of the 3 modules to its Permanent Space Station aboard 'Long March 5B' rocket
- 1st module – 'Tianhe' (in April 2021) | 2nd module – 'Mengtian' (to be launched in Oct 2022)
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi](#) | [President – Xi Jinping](#)

31. On July 20, the NASA awarded Elon Musk's SpaceX with a contract to provide launch services for the next space telescope mission called "Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope". It is slated to launch in October 2026. Under the contract, SpaceX will launch the telescope on a Falcon Heavy rocket from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The cost for the mission's launch is expected to be around \$255 million. The telescope was previously called the Wide Field InfraRed Survey Telescope but it was renamed after Dr. Nancy Grace Roman for her work at NASA. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA awarded contract to provide launch services for "Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope" to SpaceX
- The cost for the mission's launch – around \$255 million | Expected to launch in – October 2026
- It is named after Dr. Nancy Grace Roman who is known for her work at the NASA
- [HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., US](#) | [Administrator – Bill Nelson](#) | [Founded in – 1958](#)
- [HQs of SpaceX – California, U.S.](#) | [Founder & CEO – Elon Musk](#) | [Founded in – 2002](#)

32. On July 21, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh announced that Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) has developed indigenous technology for conversion of sea water to potable water. National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), an autonomous Institute of Ministry of Earth Sciences, has developed "Low Temperature Thermal Desalination (LTTD)" technology for conversion of sea water to potable water. It has been successfully demonstrated in Lakshadweep islands. Three desalination plants based on the LTTD technology were developed and demonstrated at Kavaratti, Agati and Minicoy Islands of Lakshadweep. The capacity of each of these LTTD plants is 1 Lakh litre of potable water per day. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Earth Sciences – developed indigenous technology for conversion of sea water to potable water
- NIOT – developed "Low Temperature Thermal Desalination" technology for conversion of sea water to potable water
- 3 desalination plants based on the LTTD technology – established in Lakshadweep Islands
- Capacity of LTTD Plants – 1 lakh litre/day | NIOT – an autonomous Institute of Ministry of Earth Sciences
- [MoS I/C in Ministry of Earth Sciences: Dr. Jitendra Singh](#) | [Constituency – Udhampur, J&K](#)



33. On July 25, US-based Boom Supersonic, the company which is developing the world's fastest airliner Overture, revealed the latest design for supersonic jet 'Overture' at the 'Farnborough Air Show', a UK-based aviation trade event. It can carry around 65-80 passengers at supersonic speeds of up to 2,100 kilometres per hour. With this speed, the ultra-high-speed jet can fly from New York to London in just 3.5 hours. Overture is expected to commence its operations 7 years later in 2029. Overture has been developed from the beginning to be Net Zero Carbon, flying on 100% Sustainable Aviation Fuel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Boom Supersonic – revealed latest design for supersonic jet 'Overture' – at 'Farnborough Air Show' in UK
- Boom Supersonic (US) – developing the world's fastest airliner 'Overture'
- It can carry around 65-80 passengers at supersonic speeds of up to 2,100 km/hour

34. On July 21, the migratory monarch butterfly, a sub-species of the monarch butterfly that travels around 4,000 km across America each year, has been classified 'endangered' in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species. Habitat destruction and climate change are mainly responsible for pushing this insect towards extinction. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Migratory Monarch Butterfly' – classified as 'Endangered' in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species
- Main reasons: Habitat Destruction & Climate Change
- HQs of IUCN – Gland, Switzerland | President – Xinsheng Zhang | CEO – Bruno Oberle | Founded in – 1948

35. On July 23, the Startup Incubation & Innovation Centre (SIIC) at IIT Kanpur launched the 6-month-long "NIRMAN Accelerator Program", supported by the Department of Science & Technology, where 15 start-ups will be selected and given the opportunity to accelerate their product journey from 'lab to market'. The programme will focus on the manufacturing startups engaged in healthcare and agriculture domains to help them overcome the challenges from their prototype-to-market journey. The best-performing startups among the cohort of 15 startups will receive a cash award of up to ₹1 million. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Kanpur – launched "NIRMAN Accelerator Program" (supported by Department of S&T)
- 15 start-ups will be selected & given the opportunity to accelerate their product journey from 'lab to market'
- Director of IIT Kanpur – Abhay Karandikar

36. On July 20, tech giant Microsoft introduced "Viva Engage", a new app in teams that helps build community and connection, along with providing tools for personal expression. Leaders can share news and insights, answer questions, and facilitate two-way conversations that help employees feel heard and included. Microsoft Viva is designed to give employees across multiple roles and functions what they need to feel connected, no matter when or where they work. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Microsoft – introduced "Viva Engage" – a new app in teams that helps build community & connection
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, US | Chairman & CEO – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975



37. On July 27, China successfully launched 6 new satellites into space with its new solid-propellant rocket namely “ZK 1A”. The ZK 1A, a new model of the carrier rocket, conducted its maiden flight at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in north-western China, becoming the country’s largest and most powerful solid-propellant rocket. The ZK 1A replaces the Long March 11 rocket. Meanwhile, China’s ‘Tianzhou-3’ cargo craft re-entered the atmosphere in a controlled manner on July 27. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – successfully launched 6 new satellites into space with its new solid-propellant rocket namely “ZK 1A”
- China’s ‘Tianzhou-3’ cargo craft re-entered the atmosphere
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping](#)

38. On July 28, three entomologists, Kalesh Sadasivan, Vinayan P. Nair and Abraham Samuel of the Travancore Nature History Society (TNHS), have identified a new species of damselfly, “Anamalai Reed-tail” from the Western Ghats in the Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary in Kerala’s Thrissur. The discovery has been published in the Journal of Threatened Taxa. This is the second species belonging to the damselfly genus Protosticta to be described by the TNHS researchers after Ponmudi Reed-tail that was described in 2015. With this, Kerala’s damselfly checklist has now grown to 182. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3 entomologists of Travancore Nature History Society – identified a new species of damselfly, “Anamalai Reed-tail”
- It was found from the Western Ghats in Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary in Thrissur, Kerala
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)

39. On July 29, IIT Madras launched “Nilekani Centre at AI4Bharat” to advance the state of Indian language technology with the support of Rohini and Nandan Nilekani (Non-executive Chairman of Infosys) with a grant of Rs 36 Cr through Nilekani Philanthropies. AI4Bharat was set up as an initiative of IIT Madras to build open-source language AI for Indian languages. Moreover, the “Digital India Bhashini” mission was also launched with the goal of all services and information being available to citizens in their own language with ‘collaborative AI’ at the core of the design. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Madras – launched “Nilekani Centre at AI4Bharat” to advance the state of Indian language technology
- AI4Bharat – was set up to build open-source language AI for Indian languages
- [Director of IIT Madras – Bhaskar Ramamurthi](#)



Appointments & Resignations

1. On July 4, crop protection firm, Insecticides (India) Ltd roped in Bollywood superstar Ajay Devgn as their brand ambassador. With the support of Devgn, the company intends to spread the message of judicious use of agrochemicals besides communicating about their products and boosting farmer awareness in India to the grassroots level. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ajay Devgn – appointed as Brand Ambassador of a crop protection firm 'Insecticides (India) Ltd'

2. On July 2, T. Raja Kumar of Singapore has been appointed as the President of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the anti-money laundering watchdog. Kumar has replaced Marcus Pleyer who was holding the post till now, and will discharge his service for next 2 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- T. Raja Kumar (Singapore) – appointed as the President of FATF (replacing - Marcus Pleyer)
- HQs of FATF – Paris, France | President – T. Raja Kumar | Member Countries – 39

3. On July 4, Aviva India appointed Asit Rath as Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, effective from July 11. Asit succeeds Amit Malik. Asit was serving as the CEO of Prudential Myanmar Life Insurance. Aviva Life Insurance Company India Limited is a joint venture between Dabur Invest Corp and Aviva International Holdings Limited, a UK-based insurance group. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Asit Rath – appointed as MD & CEO of Aviva Life Insurance (succeeding - Amit Malik)
- Aviva Life Insurance Company India Ltd is a JV between = Dabur Invest Corp + Aviva International Holdings
- HQs of Aviva Life Insurance – Gurugram, Haryana | MD & CEO – Asit Rath

4. On July 1, Yair Lapid officially became the 14th Prime Minister of Israel. Lapid's term could be the short one as he take over the caretaker government ahead of Israel's election which was scheduled to take place on November 1. Yair Lapid succeeds Naftali Bennett who resigned recently. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yair Lapid – appointed as the 14th Prime Minister of Israel (succeeding - Naftali Bennett)
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Yair Lapid

5. On July 3, Rahul Narwekar, a first-time MLA & member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), was elected as the Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, defeating Shiv Sena candidate Rajan Salvi. Rahul Narwekar (45) is the youngest Speaker of the Assembly, not only in Maharashtra but across India. The post of the Speaker was vacant after Congress' Nana Patole resigned from the office in February 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rahul Narwekar – elected as the Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly
- Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

6. On July 6, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-led Punjab Government appointed Vijay Kumar Janjua, a 1989 batch IAS officer, as the new Chief Secretary of the State, replacing Anirudh Tewari. Also, the 1992 batch IPS officer, Gaurav Yadav, was given additional charge as the State's Director General of Police (DGP). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Vijay Kumar Janjua – appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Punjab (replacing - Anirudh Tewari)
- Gaurav Yadav – is given additional charge as Punjab's DGP
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Bhagwant Mann | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

7. On July 1, Justice Alok Aradhe is appointed as the acting Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court. He takes charge, following the retirement of incumbent chief justice Ritu Raj Awasthi. Born on April 14, 1964 at Raipur, he did his BSc and LLB and enrolled as an advocate on July 12, 1988. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Justice Alok Aradhe – appointed as the acting Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court (succeeding - Ritu Raj Awasthi)
- Present Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court of India – Justice N. V. Ramana (48th)
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot

8. On July 6, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres announced the appointment of Lt Gen Mohan Subramanian of India as Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). He succeeds Lt Gen Shailesh Tinaikar also from India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lt Gen Mohan Subramanian – appointed as Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)
- He succeeded – Lt Gen Shailesh Tinaikar
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945

9. On July 1, Ketanji Brown Jackson was sworn in as a United States Supreme Court justice. She became the first Black woman in the US Supreme Court to serve on this position. The 51-year-old Jackson is the court's 116th justice & she replaced Justice Stephen Breyer. She recited the two oaths required for Supreme Court justices, one administered by Breyer and the other by the Chief Justice John Roberts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ketanji Brown Jackson (first Black woman) – sworn in as a US Supreme Court justice (replacing - Stephen Breyer)
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

10. On July 5, Garmin Ltd has onboarded Indian triathlete Kaustubh Radkar as the brand ambassador of its fitness segment. Radkar is an Ironman certified coach and is the first and only Indian to complete the Ironman Triathlon on 30 occasions. He was also a former Indian national swimming champion from 1995 to 2000. The Ultraman triathlon is a 3-day event that includes 10 km of swimming, 423 km of cycling, and 84.4 km of running (for a total of 517.5 km). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kaustubh Radkar – appointed as the brand ambassador of Garmin Ltd (fitness segment)
- Radkar is an Ironman certified coach & the first and only Indian to complete the 'Ironman Triathlon' on 30 occasions

11. On July 6, Olympic Sprinter P. T. Usha, music composer Ilaiyaraaja, philanthropist Veerendra Heggade of the Dharmasthala temple, and screenwriter V. Vijayendra Prasad, who wrote the blockbusters Bahubali and RRR, have been nominated to the Rajya Sabha in the category of eminent persons nominated by the President of India. In total, the President of India nominates 12 persons as his nominees to the Rajya Sabha. These are the persons known for their eminence in the fields of arts and letters, and public service. Out of these 12, 7 seats are currently vacant, of which 4 have now been filled. All four nominees are from the four southern States. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Following persons are nominated to the Rajya Sabha in the category of 'eminent persons' by the President of India:
 - P. T. Usha, Ilayaraja, Veerendra Heggade & V. Vijayendra Prasad
- In total, the President of India nominates 12 persons as his nominees to the Rajya Sabha (3 vacant)

12. On July 8, former NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant has been appointed as India's new Sherpa for the G-20, replacing Piyush Goyal, who was appointed as the G-20 Sherpa in September 2021. Kant's appointment comes ahead of India assuming the G-20 Presidency from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023. The G-20 process is basically divided into the Sherpa track and the Finance track. Under the Sherpa track, about 100 official meetings are expected to be organised, while under the Finance track, about 40 meetings are expected to be organised. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amitabh Kant – appointed as India's new Sherpa for the G-20 (replacing - Piyush Goyal)
- G-20 process is basically divided into the Sherpa track (100 official meetings) & Finance track (40 official meetings)

13. On July 6, Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani was given the additional charge of Ministry of Minority Affairs, after Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi resigned from the Union Cabinet. While Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia was given the additional charge of the Ministry of Steel, following the resignation of Ram Chandra Prasad Singh. Both Naqvi and Singh submitted their resignation to the Prime Minister on July 6, a day before completion of their Rajya Sabha term. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Smriti Irani – took additional charge of Ministry of Minority Affairs (after the resignation of - Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi)
- Jyotiraditya Scindia – took additional charge of Ministry of Steel (after the resignation of - Ram Chandra Prasad Singh)
- [Ministry of Minority Affairs: Smriti Irani | Constituency – Amethi, UP](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Minority Affairs: John Barla](#)
- [Ministry of Steel: Jyotiraditya M. Scindia | Constituency – Guna, Madhya Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Steel: Faggansingh Kulaste](#)

14. On July 7, India has been elected as a member of the 24-member "Intergovernmental Committee of UNESCO's 2003 Convention" for the safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage for the 2022-2026 cycle. The elections for the Intergovernmental Committee took place during the 9th General Assembly of the 2003 Convention held at UNESCO headquarters, Paris, from July 5-7, 2022. India received 110 votes from the 155 State Parties that were present and voting. After the inscription of Durga Puja in 2021, India submitted the nomination for Garba of Gujarat to be discussed in 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – elected as member of the 24-member "Intergovernmental Committee of UNESCO's 2003 Convention" for 4 years
- The Elections took place at 9th General Assembly of 2003 Convention – in Paris, France
- [HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945 | Members – 193 Countries](#)

15. On July 7, R. Dinesh (Executive Vice-Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions) was elected as President Designate of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2022-23. At the same time, Sanjiv Puri (Chairman & MD of ITC) was elected as Vice-President of the CII, succeeding R. Dinesh. Mr. Dinesh replaces Pawan Munjal who took over as CII President-Designate in May 2022. Moreover, Sanjiv Bajaj (Chairman & MD of Bajaj Finserv Ltd) continues to be the President of CII for the year 2022-23. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. Dinesh (Chairman & MD of ITC) – appointed as the CII President-Designate for 2022-23
- Sanjiv Puri (Chairman & MD of ITC) – appointed as the Vice-President of the CII
- HQs of CII – New Delhi | President – Sanjiv Bajaj | VC – Sanjiv Puri | DG – Chandrajit Banerjee | Founded in – 1895

16. On July 5, Kolkata-based Jadavpur University's Vice-Chancellor Suranjan Das was appointed as the President of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) for 1 year. After 40 years someone from West Bengal has taken over the post at AIU. Das, an eminent historian, was appointed the Vice-President of AIU a year ago. She succeeded Col. Dr. G Thiruvassagam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Suranjan Das (West Bengal) – appointed as the President of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) for 1 year
- She is Vice-Chancellor of Jadavpur University (Kolkata)
- HQs of AIU – New Delhi | President – Suranjan Das | Secretary General – Mrs. Pankaj Mittal

17. Senior bureaucrat R. K. Gupta was appointed as the Deputy Election Commissioner. Gupta, a Central Secretariat Service (CSS) officer, will serve as deputy election commissioner (Joint secretary level) till 28 February 2023, the date of his superannuation. Mr. Gupta succeeds T. Sreekanth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. K. Gupta – appointed as the Deputy Election Commissioner till 28 February 2023 (succeeding – T. Sreekanth)
- HQs of ECI – New Delhi | Chief Election Commissioner – Rajiv Kumar (25th) | Formed on – 25th Jan, 1950

18. On July 10, Tripura government transferred Chief Secretary Kumar Alok to the State Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (SIPARD) as its Director General (DG). Senior IAS officer J. K. Sinha, currently Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Manik Saha, is given additional charge of Chief Secretary of the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kumar Alok – appointed as DG the State Institute of Public Administration & Rural Development (SIPARD), Tripura
- J. K. Sinha – is given additional charge of Chief Secretary of Tripura
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Manik Saha | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

19. On July 8, the governing council of the Rome-based International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) appointed Spain's Alvaro Lario, its top finance executive, as its new President. Lario, who would become IFAD 7th president, will lead the UN agency at a crucial time when global food prices are surging, induced by the Ukraine war, climate change, and the pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alvaro Lario (Spain) – appointed as President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- HQs of IFAD – Rome, Italy | Presidents – Gilbert F. Hounbo

20. On July 11, the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) panel appointed Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL). Upadhyay was serving as Director (operations) at GSL when he was recommended for the post. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay – appointed as the CMD of Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)
- HQs of Goa Shipyard – Vasco da Gama, Goa | CMD – Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay



21. On July 7, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced his resignation after he was abandoned by ministers and most of his Conservative lawmakers. He was elected as UK's PM in 2019. He also stepped down as Conservative Party leader. Boris would serve as the PM until a new PM is elected. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UK's Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced his resignation (serving since 2019)
- [UK – London – Pound Sterling](#)

22. On July 8, Rajendra Prasad assumed the charge of Managing Director of National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL). Shri Prasad is working as Director of Project with NHSRCL since November 2017 and is overall in charge of civil engineering works of the Mumbai Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Project, popularly known as the Bullet Train Project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajendra Prasad – assumed the charge of MD of National High-Speed Rail Corp Ltd (NHSRCL)
- He is overall in charge of civil engineering works of 'Bullet Train Project'
- [HQs of NHSRCL – New Delhi | Chairman – V. K. Tripathi | MD – Rajendra Prasad](#)

23. On July 12, the government gave Madhulika Bhaskar, General Manager of New India Assurance (NIA), the additional power of the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of the NIA for a period of 3 months or till a regular appointment to the post is done. Madhulika succeeds Atul Sahai whose tenure ended in February 2022. Currently, the government cannot make a regular appointment to the post of CMD of any PSU general insurance company as the 'Inderjeet Singh vs Indian Government' case is pending in the Delhi High Court, challenging the power of Banks Board Bureau (BBB) to select any CMD. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madhulika Bhaskar (General Manager of NIA) – given the additional power of the CMD of New India Assurance

24. Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN) announced the re-election of Devesh Sachdev (Founder & CEO of Fusion Micro Finance) as the Chairperson and Vivek Tiwari (MD & CEO of Satya Microcredit Ltd) as its Vice Chairperson at its 13th Annual General Meeting held on July 4, 2022. In addition, MFIN also announced the induction of Abhisheka Kumar and Ankush Golechha to represent the medium and small MFIs respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Devesh Sachdev ([Founder & CEO of Fusion Micro Finance](#)) – re-elected as the Chairperson of MFIN
- Vivek Tiwari ([MD & CEO of Satya Microcredit](#)) – re-elected as Vice Chairperson of MFIN
- [HQs of MFIN – Gurgaon, Haryana | CEO – Alok Mishra | Chairman – Devesh Sachdev](#)

25. In July 2022, Ranil Wickremesinghe, who has been the face of government's handling of Sri Lanka's economic crisis, is elected as the new President of the island nation. He had been the acting President after Gotabaya Rajapaksa resigned. The 73-year old won the three-way Presidential polls in the Sri Lankan parliament with 134 votes. Moreover, Senior politician Dinesh Gunawardena became the 15th Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ranil Wickremesinghe – elected as new President of Sri Lanka
- Dinesh Gunawardena – elected as 15th Prime Minister of Sri Lanka
- [Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan Rupee](#)
- [PM – Dinesh Gunawardena | President – Ranil Wickremesinghe](#)



26. In July 2022, the Public Enterprise's Selection Board (PESB) selected Sanjay Kumar for the post of Chairman and Managing Director of RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. Currently, he is serving as Director (Network Planning & Marketing) and (Project, Operations & Maintenance - Additional Charge) in Railtel. Sanjay Kumar replaces Aruna Singh who is currently holding additional charge for the post. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjay Kumar – selected by the PESB for the post of MD & Chairman of RailTel Corporation of India
- HQs of RailTel – New Delhi | CMD – Sanjay Kumar

27. On July 15, Manoj Kumar assumed charge as the Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). While on July 14, Preeta Verma, CEO of Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC), inaugurated “Knowledge Portal” for Khadi, a platform which is developed by the Center of Excellence for Khadi to provide design directions to the Khadi institutions. The Center of Excellence for Khadi has been set up by KVIC, Ministry of MSME at National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manoj Kumar – appointed as the Chairman of KVIC
- Preeta Verma – inaugurated “Knowledge Portal” to provide design directions to the Khadi institutions
- It is developed by – Center of Excellence for Khadi (set up by KVIC)
- HQs of KVIC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Manoj Kumar | CEO – Preeta Verma | Founded in – 1956

28. On July 14, Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) has recommended former Union Bank of India MD Rajkiran Rai G as the Managing Director of the newly set-up Rs 20,000-Cr National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID). This is the first selection made by the FSIB following its incorporation on July 1, 2022. The erstwhile Banks Board Bureau (BBB) was revamped into FSIB with certain amendments in its mandate. According to the ‘NaBFID Act 2021’, the institution will have one MD and not more than three DMDs. In October 2021, the government appointed veteran banker K. V. Kamath as the Chairperson of the NaBFID for 3 years. The newly-incorporated NaBFID is targeting financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh Crore in its first year of operations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FSIB – recommended Rajkiran Rai G as the MD of the newly set-up Rs 20,000-Cr NaBFID
- This is the first selection made by the FSIB following its incorporation on July 1, 2022
- Banks Board Bureau (BBB) was revamped into FSIB
- K. V. Kamath – Chairperson of the NaBFID

29. On July 14, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur removed existing chief secretary Ram Subagh Singh and replaced him with Ram Dass Dhiman, a 1988-batch IAS officer. Ram Subagh Singh has now been given the charge of Principal Adviser (administrative reforms). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ram Dass Dhiman – appointed as new Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh (replacing - Ram Subagh Singh)
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

30. On July 17, the SEBI approved the appointment of Ashish Kumar Chauhan (MD & CEO of BSE) as the next Managing Director & CEO of the National Stock Exchange (NSE). Chauhan's second 5-year tenure at BSE ends in November. Ashish Chauhan will be taking over Vikram Limaye, whose 5-year term ended in July. Chauhan was one of the founders of NSE where he worked from 1992 to 2000. He is best known as the ‘Father of Modern Financial Derivatives’ in India due to his work at NSE. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- SEBI – approved the appointment of Ashish Kumar Chauhan (MD & CEO of BSE) as the next MD & CEO of the NSE
- HQs of NSE – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Girish Chandra Chaturvedi
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Subhash Sheoratan Mundra | MD & CEO – Ashish kumar Chauhan

31. In July 2022, Publicly-listed One97 Communications, the parent entity of Paytm, appointed Standard Chartered Bank Executive Nakul Jain as new CEO of Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL). Alongside, Praveen Sharma, the current CEO of Paytm Payments Services, has been moved to lead the company's commerce vertical. Sharma was made MD and CEO of PPSL in September 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nakul Jain – appointed as new CEO of Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL) by One97 Communications
- HQs of Paytm Payments Services Ltd – New Delhi | CEO – Nakul Jain
- HQs of Paytm – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma | Founded in – 2010

32. In July 2022, telecom major Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL) announced the appointment of Akshaya Moondra as its next Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a period of 3 years. Akshaya replaces Ravinder Takkar. Moondra's appointment is based on the recommendation of the company's nomination and remuneration committee. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Akshaya Moondra – appointed as CEO of Vi (succeeding - Ravinder Takkar)
- HQs of Vi Ltd – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Akshaya Moondra | Non-Executive Chairman – Himanshu Kapania

33. On July 18, the Centre has appointed Jayanti Prasad as a Whole time Member of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) for 5 years, according to an executive order issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA). Prasad is a 1986 batch Indian Audit & Accounts Service Officer. He had superannuated as Deputy Comptroller & Auditor General (Human Resources and International Relations). He also held key positions in the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the United Nations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jayanti Prasad – appointed as Whole time Member of the IBBI for 5 years
- HQs of IBBI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Ravi Mittal | Established in – 2016 (set up by Ministry of Corporate Affairs)

34. On July 18, retired Army officer Raj Shukla was appointed as a member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). Lt. Gen. Shukla, a recipient of the Param Vishisht Seva Medal in 2021, has a career spanning over four decades in the Indian Army. He has also been Commandant of the Indian Army's prestigious training establishment and think tank, the Army War College. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lt. Gen Raj Shukla (retired Army officer) – appointed as a member of the UPSC
- HQs of UPSC – New Delhi | Chairman – Manoj Soni

35. On July 17, President Ram Nath Kovind accepted the resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar, Governor of West Bengal, and assigned additional charge as Governor of West Bengal to La. Ganesan who is also the Governor of Manipur. Just before the Dhankhar's resignation, the BJP announced his name as the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate for the Vice Presidential election. Dhankhar was appointed as the Governor of West Bengal in 2019. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- La. Ganesan – took additional charge as Governor of West Bengal (after the resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar)
- La. Ganesan is also the Governor of Manipur
- [West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – La. Ganesan](#)

36. On July 19, Pramod Rao took charge as the Executive Director of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). He will handle the department of debt and hybrid securities as well as the enquiry and adjudication department. Before this assignment, he held the position of Group General Counsel at ICICI Bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pramod Rao – took charge as the Executive Director of the SEBI
- [HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992](#)

37. On July 21, Rajarshi Gupta took over as Managing Director of ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL), the overseas investment arm of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). He replaced Alok Gupta who superannuated in June. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajarshi Gupta – took over as MD of ONGC Videsh Ltd (succeeding – Alok Gupta)
- [HQs of ONGC Videsh Ltd – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Rajarshi Gupta | Chairman – Subhash Kumar](#)

38. On July 20, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) appointed Egypt's Seif Ahmed as its acting President, following Narinder Batra's resignation from the post. Earlier in May, Narinder Batra also stepped down from the post of President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). Batra became President of FIH in 2016 and reclaimed the position last year for a second term till 2024. India is scheduled to host the "2023 Men's FIH Hockey World Cup" in January 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narinder Batra – resigned from his post as the President of FIH
- Seif Ahmed ([Egypt](#)) – appointed as the acting President of International Hockey Federation
- India is scheduled to host the "2023 Men's FIH Hockey World Cup" in January 2023
- [HQs of FIH – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Seif Ahmed | CEO – Thierry Weil | Founded in – 1924](#)

39. On July 21, former Jharkhand Governor and National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate, Droupadi Murmu was elected as the 15th President of India, the first tribal woman (second tribal person) to be elected to this position and the youngest as well. She served as the ninth Governor of Jharkhand from 2015 to 2021. Her Opposition's candidate was Yashwant Sinha. The 64-year-old Murmu hails from the Santhal (Santals) tribe and was born in Mayurbhanj, Odisha. The tenure of incumbent President Ram Nath Kovind ended on 24 July. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Droupadi Murmu ([Odisha](#)) – elected as the 15th President of India (the first tribal woman & second tribal person)
- She is a former Governor of Jharkhand (2015 to 2021)

40. On July 21, Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi submitted his resignation to President Sergio Mattarella. He will serve the post as the caretaker PM until a new PM is appointed. The new election is expected to be held in September or October this year. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Mario Draghi – resigned as the PM of Italy
- He will act as a caretaker PM until a new PM is appointed
- Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | Caretaker PM – Mario Draghi

41. On July 24, the Central Government, as part of its efforts to make National Land Management Corporation (NLMC) operational, has appointed Sanjay Kumar Jain (a joint Secretary to the Department of Public Enterprises) as interim CEO of the NLMC. The NLMC has been tasked with monetising the surplus land and buildings of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). The government looks to initiate the process of monetising 3,479 acres of surplus land, identified by 9 PSUs, and building assets. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjay Kumar Jain – appointed as interim CEO of the National Land Management Corporation
- NLMC – is tasked with monetising the surplus land & buildings of PSUs

42. On July 25, the World Bank has appointed Indermit Gill, an Indian national, as Chief Economist & Senior Vice-President for Development Economics at the World Bank. His appointment will be effective September 1, 2022. Gill will be only the second Indian to serve as Chief Economist at the World Bank, after Kaushik Basu who served from 2012-2016. However, Raghuram Rajan and Gita Gopinath have served as Chief Economists at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indermit Gill – appointed as Chief Economist & Senior Vice-President for Development Economics at the World Bank
- He is only the 2nd Indian to serve as Chief Economist at the World Bank, after Kaushik Basu who served from 2012-2016
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., US | Members – 189 | President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

43. On July 25, the Kuwaiti emir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah issued a decree appointing Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah as the Prime Minister and tasking him with forming the new cabinet. Ahmad is the eldest son of Kuwaiti Emir Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. Ahmad succeeds Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah whose resignation was accepted in May 2022 & was serving as care-taker PM. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah – appointed as the PM of Kuwait (succeeding - Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah)
- Kuwait – Kuwait City – Dinar | PM – Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah | Emir – Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah

44. On July 20, RattanIndia Power appointed Brijesh Gupta as Managing Director of the company. Earlier, he has held leadership positions in Adani Enterprises, Essar Group, Welspun and Atha Group. RattanIndia Power is a private power generation company, with installed capacity of 2,700 MW thermal power plants at Amravati and Nashik (1,350 MW at each location) in Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Brijesh Gupta – appointed as MD of RattanIndia Power
- HQs of RattanIndia Power – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD – Brijesh Gupta



45. On July 20, the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH), a global ports forum for international collaboration, has appointed Ennarasu Karunesan as its representative to develop its network in India. Mr. Ennarasu is a mechanical engineer with more than 33 years of leadership in the maritime and ports sector. He currently serves as an advisor to Indian ports. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IAPH – appointed Ennarasu Karunesan as its representative to develop its network in India
- International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) – a global ports forum for international collaboration
- HQs of IAPH – Tokyo, Japan | President – Subramaniam Karupiah

46. On July 25, the newly-elected President of the Republic of Albania, Bajram Begaj, took oath as new President of Albania. Mr. Bajram was elected as the 8th President of Albania in June 2022. Mr. Bajram succeeds Ilir Meta. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bajram Begaj – took oath as the 8th President of Albania (succeeding - Ilir Meta)
- Albania – Tirana – Albanian Lek | President – Gen. Maj. Bajram Bega

47. On July 25, Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA), the governing body for deaf cricket in India, has appointed Roma Balwani as its CEO and Brand Custodian. Sumit Jain, President of IDCA announced the appointment. IDCA is a member of the newly formed Differently-Abled Committee set up on the initiative of Jay Shah, Secretary, BCCI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Roma Balwani – appointed as the CEO & Brand Custodian of Indian Deaf Cricket Association
- President of IDCA – Sumit Jain

48. On July 28, Senior scientist Himanshu Pathak was appointed as Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research & Education-cum-Director General of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (Secretary, DARE-cum-DG, ICAR). Pathak is currently serving as Director, ICAR-National Institute of Abiotic Stress Management, Baramati, Maharashtra. The ICAR is an autonomous organisation under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himanshu Pathak – appointed as Secretary of DARE-cum-DG of ICAR
- HQs of ICAR – New Delhi | DG – Himanshu Pathak | Established in – 1929

49. In July 2022, Infrastructure company Tata Projects Ltd appointed Vinayak Pai as its Managing Director. Vinayak Pai succeeds Vinayak Deshpande who retires after over 11 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vinayak Pai – appointed as Managing Director of Tata Projects Ltd (succeeding Vinayak Deshpande)
- HQs of Tata Projects – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Banmali Agrawala | MD – Vinayak Pai

50. On July 30, Narendra Modi addressed the inaugural session of the first “All India District Legal Services Authorities Meet” which was held in New Delhi. The Prime Minister also released a commemorative postal stamp on the ‘Right to free legal aid’. The first-ever national level meet of District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) was organised from 30-31 July 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan by National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). There are a total of 676 District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) in India. They are headed by the District Judge who acts as Chairman of the authority. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – addressed the 1st “All India District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) Meet” in New Delhi
- Narendra Modi – also released a commemorative postal stamp on the ‘Right to free legal aid’
- Number of DLSAs in India – 676 | The DLSAs are headed by – District Judge

51. On July 29, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced that Pranay Kumar Verma, serving as India’s Ambassador to Vietnam, is appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the People’s Republic of Bangladesh. Verma will succeed incumbent Vikram Doraiswami. Doraiswami is set to assume charge as Indian High Commissioner to the UK, succeeding Gaitri Issar Kumar who retired on June 30. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pranay Kumar Verma – appointed as High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh (succeeding - Vikram Doraiswami)
- Vikram Doraiswami – to assume charge as Indian High Commissioner to the UK (succeeding - Gaitri Kumar)
- [Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka](#) | [PM – Sheikh Hasina](#) | [President – Abdul Hamid](#)

52. In July 2022, Sudhakar Dalela, an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of the 1993 batch, is appointed as the Ambassador of India to Bhutan. Dalela is presently serving as the Deputy Chief of Mission in the Embassy of India in Washington. Sudhakar succeeds Ruchira Kamboj who was appointed in February 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sudhakar Dalela – appointed as the Ambassador of India to Bhutan
- [Bhutan – Thimphu – Bhutanese Ngultrum](#) | [PM – Lotay Tshering](#)

53. On July 31, IPS Sanjay Arora has been appointed as Delhi Police Commissioner, succeeding incumbent police commissioner Rakesh Asthana. Arora is currently serving as DG of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IPS Sanjay Arora – appointed as Delhi Police Commissioner (succeeding - Rakesh Asthana)

54. On July 29, the President appointed Justice Ranjit Vasant Rao More (former Chief Justice, Meghalaya High Court), to the post of Chairman of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) for a period of 4 years from the date of assumption of charge of the post, or till attaining the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Justice Ranjit Vasant Rao More – appointed as Chairman of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) for 4 years
- He is a former Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court

55. On July 30, R. S. Sodhi, Managing Director of Amul Federation, is elected as the new President of Indian Dairy Association (IDA). Founded in 1948, IDA is the apex body of the dairy industry in India. Sodhi heads the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd (GCMMF), the 18-member dairy body that makes Amul brand of milk products. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. S. Sodhi – elected as the new President of Indian Dairy Association (IDA)
- [HQs of AMUL – Anand, Gujarat](#) | [MD – Rupinder Singh Sodhi](#) | [Established in – 1946](#)



Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

1. On July 1, Tamil Nadu's Virudhunagar has won the first prize in the "National MSME Awards 2022" by the Ministry of Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the category of 'Awards to the Aspirational Districts' for its contribution to the promotion and development of the MSME sector. While MSME department of the government of Odisha won the award under 'States/UTs' category. Moreover, State Bank of India (SBI) won the Award under the 'Banks for Outstanding Contribution' category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "National MSME Awards 2022" – by the Ministry of MSMEs
 - 'Awards to the Aspirational Districts' category – Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu)
 - 'Banks for Outstanding Contribution' category – SBI
 - 'States/UTs' category – Odisha
- Ministry of MSME: Narayan Rane | Constituency – Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of MSME: Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma

2. In July 2022, Karnataka's 21-year-old Sini Shetty was crowned 'Miss India World 2022' at the 58th edition of the 'Femina Miss India Beauty Pageant' held at JIO World Convention Center in Mumbai. Following the tradition, Sini was crowned by Miss India 2021 Manasa Varanasi. Rajasthan's Rubal Shekhawat was 1st Runner Up and UP's Shinata Chauhan was 2nd Runner Up. Moreover, in June, Sargam Koushal was the winner of 'Mrs India World 2022', followed by Juhi Vyas as 1st runner-up and Chahat Dalal as 2nd runner-up. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sini Shetty (Karnataka) – crowned "Miss India World 2022" at 58th Femina Miss India beauty pageant
- 1st runner up – Rubal Shekhawat (Rajasthan) | 2nd runner up – Shinata Chauhan (UP)
- Sargam Koushal (J & K) – crowned "Mrs India World 2022" | 1st runner up – Juhi Vyas, 2nd runner up – Chahat Dalal
- Both events were held in – Mumbai

3. Tanuja Nesari, Director of All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) was awarded with the "Ayurveda Ratna Award" by the UK Parliament, recognising her contribution to furthering the growth of Ayurveda in India and abroad. The UK's All-Party Parliamentary Group on Indian Traditional Sciences (ITSappg) conferred the award for her exceptional service of the highest order for the promotion of Ayurveda. The ITSappg was formed in 2014. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tanuja Nesari (Director of AIIA) – awarded with the "Ayurveda Ratna Award" – by ITSappg (UK Parliament)
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

4. On July 3, National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has been recognized as one of the "Most Preferred Workplaces of 2022" by Team Marksmen in association with India Today. Organizations have been appraised on the parameters such as Employee Centricity, Organizational Purpose, Intrapreneurial Ecosystem, Work Flexibility, Diversity and Equality, Growth and Rewards, and Social Cohesion. The award showcases and celebrates organizations which have managed to maximize employee wellbeing, engagement and productivity alongside organizational performance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC – recognized as one of the "Most Preferred Workplaces of 2022" – by Team Marksmen & India Today
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975



5. On July 5, Ukrainian mathematician Maryna Viazovska was named as one of four recipients of the prestigious “Fields Medal”, which is often described as the “Nobel Prize in Mathematics”. The Fields Medal is awarded every 4 years to mathematicians under age of 40. The recipients are normally announced at the International Congress of Mathematicians, which was originally due to be held in Russia this year but moved to Helsinki instead. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maryna Viazovska ([Ukrainian Mathematician](#)) – named as one of four recipients of the prestigious “Fields Medal”
- “Fields Medal” is often described as the “Nobel Prize in Mathematics”
- The Fields Medal is awarded every 4 years to Mathematicians under age of 40
- [Ukraine – Kyiv – Ukrainian Hryvnia | President – Volodymyr Zelensky](#)

6. While presiding over the 320th meeting of the Executive Council of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), Minister of State for the PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh, announced to set up “Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Award” in Public Administration in the field of Academic Excellence, in memory of the first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad. The IIPA’s Executive Council has the Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu as its President and Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, as Chairman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jitendra Singh – announced to set up “Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Award” in Public Administration
- IIPA’s Executive Council: President – M. Venkaiah Naidu | Chairman – Dr. Jitendra Singh
- [MoS for the PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions: Dr. Jitendra Singh](#)

7. Ashok Soota, founder and Executive Chairman of Happiest Minds Technologies, was conferred with the “CII Quality Ratna Award 2021”. The Annual CII Quality Ratna Award, constituted in 2019, is given in recognition of outstanding leadership, contribution, and distinguished service to the Quality Movement in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashok Soota – conferred with the “CII Quality Ratna Award 2021” (constituted in 2019)
- [HQs of CII – New Delhi | President – Sanjiv Bajaj | VC – Sanjiv Puri | DG – Chandrajit Banerjee | Founded in – 1895](#)

8. On July 11, the Japanese government posthumously awarded former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe with the “Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum”, Japan’s highest award. The longest-serving PM of Japan is the fourth former PM to receive the decoration under the postwar Constitution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shinzo Abe – posthumously awarded the “Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum”, Japan’s highest award
- Shinzo Abe is the 4th PM of Japan to receive this honour
- [Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Fumio Kishida](#)

9. On July 8, Japan has conferred the “Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star” on Narayanan Kumar, Vice Chairman of Sanmar Group and former President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), in recognition of his contribution to strengthen economic relations between Japan and India. At an event held in Chennai, Kumar was honoured by Consul General of Japan in Chennai, Taga Masayuki. Kumar also heads Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and was among the ‘Spring 2022 Imperial Decorations recipients’. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Japan – conferred the “Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star” – on Narayanan Kumar
- Narayanan Kumar – Vice Chairman of Sanmar Group & former President of CII
- He was also among the ‘Spring 2022 Imperial Decorations recipients’
- [Japan – Tokyo – Yen](#) | [PM – Fumio Kishida](#)

10. HCL Technologies (HCL), a leading global IT company, has won “2022 Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Healthcare and Life Sciences (global winner)” and the “2022 UK Microsoft Partner of the Year Award (country winner)”. HCL Technologies was also named a finalist in the “2022 Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Internet of Things (domain finalist)”. The company was accorded the honors for demonstrating excellence in innovation and implementing customer solutions based on Microsoft technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HCL Technologies – won the “2022 Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Healthcare & Life Sciences (global winner)”
- HCL Technologies – won the “2022 UK Microsoft Partner of the Year Award (country winner)”
- HCL Tech – also named a finalist in “2022 Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Internet of Things (domain finalist)”
- [HQs of HCL Technologies – Noida, UP](#) | [MD & CEO – C. Vijayakumar](#) | [Chairperson – Roshni Nadar Malhotra](#)

11. On July 9, India’s Pallavi Singh has won the “Mrs. Universe Divine” title at the finals held at Yeosu City, South Korea. Mrs Pallavi Singh hails from Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. Pallavi Singh won the title of ‘Mrs. India’ held in Jaipur in 2020. She then won the title of ‘Mrs. Indo-Asia Universe’ in the Asia-level competition held in Delhi in October 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pallavi Singh ([Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh](#)) – won the “Mrs. Universe Divine” title at Yeosu City, South Korea
- She is also winner of ‘Mrs. India’ title (2020) & ‘Mrs. Indo-Asia Universe’ title (2021)

12. In July 2022, 16-year-old girl from Bengaluru, Shloka Ashok, was given “Diana Award” in recognition of her social action and humanitarian efforts. Shloka won the Diana Award for founding ‘InternMee’, a platform that provides internship, volunteering and leadership opportunities to high schoolers free of charge. Launched in December 2020, ‘InternMee’ has helped over 35,000 students from over 85 countries and was featured in the top 10 internship search websites by a survey. Instituted in 1999 in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, the award is given by the charitable trust of the same name. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shloka Ashok ([Bengaluru](#)) – received the “Diana Award” in recognition of her social action & humanitarian efforts
- She received the award for founding ‘InternMee’ platform for high schoolers
- Additional info. about ‘Diana Award’:
 - Awarded for: ‘Young people who work to improve the lives of others’
 - Location: London
 - Presented by: The Diana Award charity
 - Instituted in: 1999



13. In July 2022, the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) National Goodwill Ambassador Ms. Dia Mirza, and Environmental Activist Mr. Afroz Shah were felicitated with the Harmony Foundation's prestigious "Mother Teresa Memorial Awards for Social Justice 2021" by the Governor of Maharashtra Bhagat Singh Koshyari at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai. Ms. Mirza and Mr. Shah were awarded for their commendable and notable achievements in Environmental Sustainability. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dia Mirza + Mr. Afroz Shah = received Harmony Foundation's "Mother Teresa Memorial Awards for Social Justice 2021"
- Narendra Singh Tomar – launched the "e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) Platform of Platform (PoP)"
- [HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya](#) | [Executive Director – Inger Andersen](#) | [Founded in – 1972](#)

14. On July 16, filmmaker K. P. Kumaran was chosen for the prestigious "J. C. Daniel Award for 2021", Kerala's highest film award. The award, conferred by the Kerala government annually in recognition to an individual's contributions to Malayalam cinema, carries a purse of ₹5 lakh, a statuette, and a citation. Mr. Kumaran was one of the first filmmakers from the State to win an international award, when his short film 'The Rock' won a Gold medal at the 'Expo Film Festival in Tokyo' in 1972. His film 'Rukmini', won the National Award for the Best Malayalam film in 1988. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K. P. Kumaran ([filmmaker](#)) – chosen for the "J. C. Daniel Award for 2021", Kerala's highest film award
- His short film 'The Rock' won a Gold medal at the 'Expo Film Festival in Tokyo' in 1972
- His film 'Rukmini' won the National Award for the Best Malayalam film in 1988
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram](#) | [CM – Pinarayi Vijayan](#) | [Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)

15. On July 16, the National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), established by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), won the "Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institute Award 2021" (in 'Large Institute' category) for its overall performance. Ch Srinivasa Rao, Director of NAARM, received the award from the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar in New Delhi. The awards were given away at a function to mark the 94th Foundation Day of the ICAR on July 16. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 16 – 94th Foundation Day of the ICAR
- NAARM (ICAR) – won the "Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institute Award 2021" ('Large Institute' category)
- [HQs of ICAR – New Delhi](#) | [DG – Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra](#) | [Established in – 1929](#)

16. On July 19, Dr. Tessy Thomas, Scientist and Director General (Aero Systems) at DRDO, was awarded "APJ Award 2022" for her contribution towards developing indigenous missile systems for India. Also known as India's Missile Woman, Tessy Thomas is the first Woman Scientist to head India's missile programme. Governor of Kerala Arif Mohammad Khan presented the award. Noorul Islam Centre for Higher Education and NIMS Medicity have been jointly organising the award since 2019 to recognise government officials who have achieved excellence and achievements in their respective field of work. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Tessy Thomas (DRDO) – awarded "APJ Award 2022" for her contribution in developing indigenous missile systems
- She is also known as India's Missile Woman & first Woman Scientist to head India's missile programme
- The award was presented by – Arif Mohammad Khan (Governor of Kerala)
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram](#) | [CM – Pinarayi Vijayan](#) | [Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)



17. In July 2022, Michelle Poonawalla, well known artist, businesswoman and philanthropist, received the coveted “Shromani Award” from the hands of Mr. G. P. Hinduja, the co-chairman of Hinduja Group at ‘NRI World Summit 2022’ in UK, for her contribution to the field of Art. In addition to Poonawalla, the Shromani Award was also awarded to Shri Sadhu Bhrmavihari, Lord Rami Ranger, Rita Hinduja Chhabria, Dr. Kamel Hothi OBE and Falguni Shane Peacock. This award was instituted in 1977. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘NRI World Summit 2022’ – held in UK
- Michelle Poonawalla (Artist, Businesswoman & Philanthropist) – received the “Shromani Award”
- Other awardees: Sadhu Bhrmavihari, Lord Rami Ranger, Rita Hinduja Chhabria, Dr. Kamel Hothi & Falguni Shane Peacock
- [UK – London – Pound Sterling](#) | [PM – Boris Johnson](#)

18. In July 2022, the French government announced to confer the “Chevalier de l’Ordre National du Mérite” or the “Knight of the Order of the Merit”, on Kannan Sundaram, publisher of Kalachuvadu, for his contribution to the publishing collaboration between India and France. A ceremony to confer the award will be organised in New Delhi at the residence of the French Ambassador in September or October, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kannan Sundaram – to receive “Chevalier de l’Ordre National du Mérite” or “Knight of the Order of the Merit” by France
- [France – Paris – Euro](#) | [President – Emmanuel Macron](#) | [PM – Elisabeth Borne](#)

19. On July 21, Kaushik Rajashekara, an Indian-origin professor of engineering at the University of Houston, won the prestigious “Global Energy Prize” for outstanding contributions to transportation electrification and energy efficiency technologies while reducing power generation emissions. Only three people in the world were selected this year for the honour, bestowed by the Global Energy Association. Other two awardees are - Viktor Orlov, Chief Specialist of the Centre for Innovative Technologies (Rosatom in Russia) & pioneer in thermonuclear physics; and Mercuri Kanatzidis, Professor of Chemistry and Materials Science at Northwestern University, US. The awarding ceremony will be held during Russian Energy Week in Moscow on October 12-14, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kaushik Rajashekara (Indian-origin professor at University of Houston) – won “Global Energy Prize”
- Other two awardees: Viktor Orlov & Mercuri Kanatzidis | Given by – Global Energy Association
- The awarding ceremony will be held during ‘Russian Energy Week’ in Moscow on October 12-14, 2022

20. In July 2022, Madhya Pradesh bagged the award for “Most Film-Friendly State” at the 68th National Film Awards. Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh bagged Most Film-Friendly (Special mention) Award. Journalist Anant Vijay won the ‘Best Writing on Cinema’ category. While Ajay Devgn and Suriya shared the Best Actor award at the 68th National Film Awards. Ajay Devgn won the award for his role in ‘Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior’ and Suriya won it for ‘Soorarai Pottru’. The best actor in female category was won by Aparna Balamurali for ‘Soorarai Pottru’. Tamil film ‘Soorarai Pottru’ won Best Feature Film award. While ‘Testimony of Ana’ won Best Non-Feature Film award. ‘AK Ayyappanum Koshiyum’ (Malayalam), directed by Sachidanandan KR, won in Best Direction category. Sumi (Marathi) was Best Children’s Film. This year, there are 50 categories with over 300 feature films and 150 non-feature films competing for the prizes. A 10-member jury was led by director-producer Vipul Shah. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- 68th National Film Awards:
 - Best Actor award – Ajay Devgn (Tanhaji) & Suriya (Soorarai Pottru)
 - Best Actress – Aparna Balamurali for (Soorarai Pottru)
 - Best Children’s Film – Sumi (Marathi)
 - Most Film-Friendly State – Madhya Pradesh | Most Film-Friendly (Special mention) – Uttarakhand & UP
 - Best Direction – AK Ayyappanum Koshiyum (Malayalam), directed by Sachidanandan KR
 - Best Feature Film award – Soorarai Pottru (Tamil) | Best Non-Feature Film – Testimony of Ana
 - Best Writing on Cinema – Journalist Anant Vijay
 - 10-member jury was led by – Vipul Shah

21. On July 29, Visakhapatnam artist Srinivasa Rao Kanumuri’s latest work “Vignaharta” won the first prize at an Online Art Competition organised by Dubai-based organisation Artscraft. Founded by Anil Kejriwal, Artscraft is a platform for promoting Indian artists. He was adjudged the winner among more than 200 participants from India and other countries. According to Srinivasa Rao, Kalamkari art is of two distinct styles, one that is from Srikalahasti and the other one is from Machilipatnam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Srinivasa Rao Kanumuri’s latest work “Vignaharta” won 1st prize at Online Art Competition organised by Artscraft
- Artscraft (Dubai, UAE) – a platform for promoting Indian Artists | Founded by – Anil Kejriwal

22. On July 28, three climate scientists from the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, have won National Awards for their contribution to the field. Swapna Panickal won the ‘Anna Mani Women Scientist Award’, Milind Mujumdar was given the ‘Certificate of Merit’ and Anoop Mahajan was chosen for the ‘Young Scientist Award 2022’. Panickal has contributed to the sixth IPCC report released in 2018. While Mujumdar has extensively worked on improving climate models over the past two decades. Moreover, Mahajan’s major work has been on the role of Halogen Compound Emissions with respect to Climate. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Three climate scientists from IITM, Pune – won ‘National Awards’ for their contribution to the field
- Swapna Panickal – received the ‘Anna Mani Women Scientist Award’
- Milind Mujumdar – received the ‘Certificate of Merit’
- Anoop Mahajan – received the ‘Young Scientist Award 2022’

23. On July 27, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson presented Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy with the “Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award”. The Churchill leadership award was first presented in 2006. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Volodymyr Zelenskyy (Ukraine President) – received the “Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award” by Boris Johnson
- Ukraine – Kyiv – Ukrainian Hryvnia | President – Volodymyr Zelensky
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

24. On July 28, a Canadian scholar Jeffrey Armstrong was awarded the “Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Distinguished Indologist Award 2021”. He was conferred the award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the study/teaching/research in India’s philosophy, thought, history, art, culture, Indian languages, literature, civilization, society, etc. Armstrong became the 7th recipient of this award. The annual award was instituted in 2015 during the First World Indology Conference hosted by the then President of India. The award comprises a citation, a gold-plated medallion, and US\$ 20,000 (approximately ₹1.6 million). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jeffrey Armstrong ([Canadian scholar](#)) – awarded the “ICCR Distinguished Indologist Award 2021”
- The award was instituted in 2015 during the first ‘World Indology Conference’ hosted by the then President of India

25. On July 30, Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a 2-day “National conference on Drug Trafficking and National Security 2022” in Chandigarh. He said the central government has adopted a Zero-Tolerance Policy towards narcotics. The conference was organised by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB). During the conference, Home Minister Amit Shah and Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Virendra Khatik awarded Madhya Pradesh with the first prize for best implementation of Drug Free India campaign. While Madhya Pradesh’s Datia district bagged first prize in districts’ category. As many as 272 districts in India were identified for drug free India campaign by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Moreover, Madhya Pradesh was also awarded as Best Performing State in Agriculture Infrastructure for the Year 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amit Shah – inaugurated “National conference on Drug Trafficking & National Security 2022” in Chandigarh
- The conference was organised by the NCB
- First prize for Best implementation of Drug Free India campaign: State – Madhya Pradesh | District – Datia, MP
- As many as 272 districts in India were identified for drug free India campaign by the MoSJE
- Madhya Pradesh – awarded as Best Performing State in Agriculture Infrastructure for the Year 2022

26. On July 31, Vice-President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the prestigious ‘President’s Colours’ for the Tamil Nadu Police to Chief Minister M.K. Stalin in a customary ceremony in Rajarathinam Stadium in Chennai. The Tamil Nadu Police is among the few police forces in India to receive the coveted ‘President’s Colours’. Tamil Nadu had the first women commando unit in India. Currently, IPS C. Sylendra Babu is serving as the Director General of Tamil Nadu Police. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. Venkaiah Naidu – presented the prestigious ‘President’s Colours’ to Tamil Nadu Police
- IPS C. Sylendra Babu – present Director General of Tamil Nadu Police
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai](#) | [CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin](#) | [Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi](#)



Schemes & Initiatives

1. On July 1, Kerala government launched “MEDISEP” (Medical Insurance Scheme for State Employees & Pensioners), the cashless health insurance scheme for State government employees and pensioners. The scheme is expected to benefit more than 30 lakh people. It envisages cashless treatment facility to beneficiaries through an insurance company and a network of empanelled hospitals for a basic benefit package of Rs 3 lakh per annum for the policy period of 3 years. The government will pay the entire premium amount annually to Oriental Insurance Company, which is implementing the scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – launched “MEDISEP” (Medical Insurance Scheme for State Employees & Pensioners)
- Implementing agency for the “MEDISEP” scheme – Oriental Insurance Company
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

2. With effect from July 1, the NTPC declared Commercial Operation of the final part capacity of 20 MW out of 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project (India’s largest floating Solar Power Project) at Ramagundam, Telangana. With this, total commercial operation of Floating Solar Capacity in Southern Region rose to 217 MW. The entire floating system is being anchored through special HMPE (High Modulus Polyethylene) rope. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC declared Commercial Operation of the last 20 MW out of 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project
- Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project (India’s largest floating Solar Power Project) – located in Telangana
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975

3. The centrally sponsored “Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme”, which was launched on June 29, 2020 by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) under the ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan’, has completed 2 years. The PMFME Scheme is currently being implemented in 35 States and UTs. An agreement has been signed with the Union Bank of India as the Nodal Bank for the PMFME Scheme and MoUs have been signed with 15 banks as official lending partners for the scheme. 75 Incubation Centers have been approved so far under the scheme. PMFME Scheme envisages financial support of Rs 40,000 for working capital and purchase of small tools for each member of the Self Help Group (SHG) engaged in food processing activities. Over 1 lakh SHG members have been identified and the seed capital amount of Rs 203 Cr has been released so far. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PMFME Scheme completed 2 years in June 2022 (launched on June 29, 2020 by the MoFPI)
- Nodal Bank for the PMFME Scheme – Union Bank of India | 75 Incubation Centers have been approved so far
- PMFME Scheme envisages financial support of Rs 40,000 for working capital & purchase of small tools

4. On July 2, the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has made the “National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)” as part of the Direct Beneficiary Transfer (DBT) scheme, providing direct government benefits to all apprentices. This would prevent delay in payments as well as significantly reduce any leakages in the system. Under NAPS, the government pays 25% of the stipend payable up to Rs 1500 per month per candidate. The NAPS was launched on August 19, 2016. As of today, more than 12 lakh apprentices have been engaged with various industries. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- MSDE – made the “National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)” as part of the DBT scheme
- Under NAPS, the government pays 25% of the stipend payable up to Rs 1500 per month per candidate
- The NAPS was launched – on August 19, 2016
- Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

5. Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Mission Vatsalya” (erstwhile ‘Child Protection Services (CPS) Scheme’) since 2009-10 for the welfare and rehabilitation of children. On July 7, the ministry has issued detailed guidelines of the ‘Mission Vatsalya’ Scheme and State Governments/UT Administrations have been asked to prepare their financial proposal and plans for the year 2022-23 under ‘Mission Vatsalya’ Scheme on the basis of financial norms of Guidelines. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoWCD issued detailed guidelines of the ‘Mission Vatsalya’ Scheme (being implemented since 2009-10)
- Ministry of Women & Child Development: Smriti Irani | Constituency – Amethi, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Women and Child Development: Munjapara Mahendrabhai

6. On July 10, Tripura government has decided to restart the “Vidyalaya Cholo Abhiyan” to bring back around 9,000 students aged between 6 and 14 who dropped out of 4,300 schools across the State during the COVID-19 pandemic. The government has also launched a new scheme, “Earn with Learn”, under which third-year college students will be tasked with conducting surveys to identify dropouts across classes and rewarded ₹500 for re-enrolling them in schools. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tripura – decided to restart the “Vidyalaya Cholo Abhiyan” to bring back students who dropped out due to COVID-19
- Tripura – also launched a new scheme “Earn with Learn” to identify dropouts across classes
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Manik Saha | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

7. On July 12, Delhi Lieutenant Governor V. K. Saxena launched “SAH-BHAGITA” scheme to increase the involvement of the Residential Welfare Associations (RWAs) in optimal tax collection and waste management systems. He also announced significant changes in the Property Tax Policy of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) after its unification. Major changes in tax property policy, focus on waste management. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi – launched “SAH-BHAGITA” scheme to reward RWAs for property tax compliance
- V. K. Saxena (Delhi Lt. Gov.) – announced significant changes in the Property Tax Policy of MCD after its unification
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena | Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar

8. On July 14, with a view to boost exports and job creation in the textile sector, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has authorised the continuation of the “Scheme for Rebate of State and Central Taxes & Levies (RoSCTL)” with the same rates as notified by the Ministry of Textiles for exports of apparel/garments and made-ups till March 31, 2024. After the introduction of GST in 2017, the RoSL (Rebate of State Levies) scheme was replaced by a new scheme – Rebate of State and Central Taxes Levies (RoSCTL) in March 2019. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Ministry of C&I – authorised continuation of “Scheme for Rebate of State and Central Taxes & Levies” till March 31, 2024
- GST – was introduced in 2017
- “Rebate of State Levies” scheme – replaced by Rebate of State and Central Taxes & Levies (RoSCTL) in March 2019
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Anupriya Singh Patel & Som Parkash
- Ministry of Textiles: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Textiles: Darshana Vikram Jardosh

9. On July 14, Ministry of Women and Child Development issued detailed guidelines for ‘Mission Shakti’ scheme. The Government of India launched ‘Mission Shakti’ - an integrated women empowerment programme as umbrella scheme for the safety, security and empowerment of women during the 15th Finance Commission period 2021-22 to 2025-26. The norms of ‘Mission Shakti’ will be applicable with effect from April 1, 2022. ‘Mission Shakti’ has two sub-schemes – ‘Sambal’ and ‘Samarthya’. While the “Sambal” sub-scheme is for safety and security of women, the “Samarthya” sub-scheme is for empowerment of women. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Women and Child Development – issued detailed guidelines for ‘Mission Shakti’ scheme
- ‘Mission Shakti’ – launched for safety, security & empowerment of women during the 15th Finance Commission period
- ‘Sambal’ and ‘Samarthya’ – two sub-schemes of ‘Mission Shakti’
- Ministry of Women & Child Development: Smriti Irani | Constituency – Amethi, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Women and Child Development: Munjapara Mahendrabhai

10. On July 19, NITI Aayog and the World Food Programme (WFP), India, launched the “Mapping and Exchange of Good Practices” initiative for mainstreaming millets in Asia and Africa. NITI and WFP will prepare a compendium of good practices for scaling up the production and consumption of millets in India and abroad. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NITI Aayog + WFP = launched “Mapping & Exchange of Good Practices” initiative to mainstream millets in Asia & Africa
- HQs of UNWFP – Rome, Italy | ED – David Muldrow Beasley | Countries – 36
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Parmameswaran Iyer | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Suman Bery

11. On July 18, the Government formulated a “National Action Plan for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE)” scheme for cleaning of sewers and septic tank. The scheme is a joint venture of Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. It aims to achieve outcomes like zero fatalities in sanitation work in India, no sanitation workers come in direct contact with human faecal matter and all Sewer and Septic tank sanitation workers have access to alternative livelihoods. A roadmap for NAMASTE Scheme is approved by the Standing Finance Committee (SFC). NAMASTE scheme replaces the “Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS)” which was introduced in January, 2007. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government formulated a “NAMASTE” scheme for cleaning of Sewers & Septic tank
- NAMASTE – National Action Plan for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem
- The scheme is a JV of = Dept. of Drinking Water & Sanitation + MoSJE + MoHUA
- NAMASTE scheme replaces the “Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS)”



12. On July 20, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched 'Swanirbhar Naari' scheme, an initiative of the Handloom and Textiles Department, to empower the indigenous weavers of the State and to provide financial support to the weavers' families. Under the scheme, the government has decided to procure handloom items directly from the indigenous weavers without involving any middle men through a specially developed Swanirbhar Naari web portal. Altogether 31 hand-woven items are covered in the scheme belonging to various communities residing in the State. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himanta Biswa Sarma (Assam) – launched 'Swanirbhar Naari' scheme to empower the indigenous weavers of the State
- It is an initiative of Handloom & Textiles Department
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur](#) | [CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma](#) | [Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)

13. On July 22, Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, launched 3 schemes under the banner of 'Strengthening Pharmaceuticals Industry (SPI)' to strengthen Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the Pharmaceutical sector. The SIDBI will be the project management consultant for implementing the scheme. The schemes provide for credit linked capital and interest subsidy for technology upgradation of MSME units in pharmaceutical sector, as well as support of up to Rs 20 Crore each for common facilities, including research centre in pharma clusters. The three schemes are - Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme (PTUAS), Assistance to Pharma Industries for Common Facilities Scheme (API-CF), and Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Promotion and Development Scheme (PMPDS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya – launched 3 schemes under the banner of 'Strengthening Pharmaceuticals Industry (SPI)'
- The 3 schemes are:
 - Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme (PTUAS)
 - Assistance to Pharma Industries for Common Facilities Scheme (API-CF)
 - Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Promotion and Development Scheme (PMPDS)
- SIDBI – is the project management consultant for implementing the scheme

14. On July 22, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched "Deen Dayal Upadhyaya State Employees Cashless Medical Scheme" to provide cashless medical facility to more than 75 lakh people including 22 lakh state government employees, pensioners and their dependents. The eligible people will get cashless medical facilities at government-run institutions, medical colleges and hospitals without any financial limit. Also, cashless medical facilities up to Rs 5 lakh will be available at hospitals empanelled under the 'Ayushman Bharat Scheme'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Yogi Adityanath – launched "Deen Dayal Upadhyaya State Employees Cashless Medical Scheme"
- Eligible (more than 75 lakh) people will get cashless medical facilities at government hospitals without any financial limit
- [UP: Capital – Lucknow](#) | [CM – Yogi Adityanath](#) | [Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

15. During the visit of COP 26 President Alok Sharma to India on 21-22 July, 2022, NITI Aayog launched two significant initiatives - "E-AMRIT" (Accelerated e-Mobility Revolution for India's Transportation) mobile application to raise awareness on electric mobility, and the "Report on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Reuse and Recycling Market in India". India is among 42 leaders to back and sign up for the UK's Glasgow Breakthroughs, launched at the COP26 climate summit. India is also a co-convenor of the Glasgow Breakthrough on Road Transport, together with the UK and the US. The Breakthrough on Road Transport aims to make Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) in all regions by 2030. India is the 5th largest and fastest growing vehicle market in the world. India also aims to reduce the emissions intensity of GDP by 45%. And finally, India commits to net-zero emissions by 2070. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- NITI Aayog launched two significant initiatives:
 - “E-AMRIT” – Accelerated e-Mobility Revolution for India’s Transportation
 - “Report on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Reuse and Recycling Market in India”
- India is among 42 leaders to back & sign up for the UK’s Glasgow Breakthroughs, launched at the COP26
- India + US + UK = co-convenor of the Glasgow Breakthrough on Road Transport
- The Breakthrough on Road Transport aims to make Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) in all regions by 2030
- India – the 5th largest and fastest growing vehicle market in the world
- India aims to reduce the emissions intensity of GDP by 45% | Net-zero emissions by 2070
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Parmameswaran Iyer | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Suman Bery

16. On July 21, 2022, “Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana” has completed 5 years. The scheme was formally launched on this day in 2017. The scheme is a social security scheme for Senior Citizens intended to give an assured minimum pension to them based on an assured return on the purchase price or subscription amount. The scheme which was under implementation till 2020, was further extended for 3 years up to 31st March, 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana – completed 5 years on July 21, 2022 | Scheme was launched on – July 21, 2017
- In 2020, the scheme was extended for 3 years – up to 31st March, 2023

17. On July 25, Department of Posts (DoP), under the Ministry of Communications, launched a philately scholarship scheme “Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana” (Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby) for generating interest regarding Philately amongst students. Students of class 6 to 9 having good academic record and pursuing philately as a hobby will be awarded scholarship on the basis of Philately Quiz & Philately Project to be conducted by circle offices. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Department of Posts – launched a philately scholarship scheme “Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana”
- “SPARSH” – Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby
- Criteria: Students of Class 6 to 9 having good Academic record & pursuing philately as a Hobby
- Secretary in Department of Posts – Vineet Pandey (DoP works under the Ministry of Communications)

18. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has launched “Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan” in 272 most vulnerable districts since August 2020 to address the problem of Drug Abuse among youth of India. Under “Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan”, special emphasis is laid on the participation of stakeholders such as women, children, educational institutions and civil society organizations. The ‘Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan’ or a ‘Drugs-Free India Campaign’ was flagged off on 15th August, 2020 across 272 districts of India found to be most vulnerable based on the data available from various sources. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoSJE – has launched “Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan” in 272 most vulnerable districts
- ‘Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan’ or a ‘Drugs-Free India Campaign’ – launched on 15th August, 2020
- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment: Virendra Kumar | Constituency – Sagar, Madhya Pradesh



19. On July 28, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai launched a slew of welfare measures to mark first anniversary of his government. The CM launched “Swami Vivekananda Yuvashakti Yojane” that aims at empowerment of rural youth. The scheme would aim at empowering about 5 lakh youth to take up self-employment besides linking their SHGs with banks and markets. The other schemes include providing 75 units of free power a month to 25 lakh poor SC/ST families, Viveka scheme for improving school infrastructure, Babu Jagjivan Ram self-employment scheme, Sthree Samarthya scheme for empowerment of Sthree Shakti groups, extension of the Vidya Nidhi scholarship programme to children of weavers, fishermen and taxi drivers, and Punya Koti scheme of adopting cows in goshalas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Basavaraj Bommai – launched a slew of welfare measures to mark first anniversary of his government
 - ‘Swami Vivekananda Yuvashakti Yojane’ that aims at empowerment of 5 lakh rural youth
 - Providing 75 units of free power a month to 25 lakh poor SC/ST families
 - ‘Viveka’ scheme for improving school infrastructure
 - ‘Sthree Samarthya’ scheme for empowerment of Sthree Shakti groups
 - Extension of ‘Vidya Nidhi’ scholarship programme to children of weavers, fishermen & taxi drivers
 - ‘Punya Koti’ scheme of adopting cows in goshalas
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore](#) | [CM – Basavaraj Bommai](#) | [Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot](#)

20. On July 27, the Tamil Nadu government launched the first phase of the “Chief Minister’s Breakfast Scheme” at 1,545 government primary schools to benefit more than 1.14 lakh children in Classes 1-5 across the State during 2022-23, at a total cost of ₹33.56 Cr. More than 43,600 students studying in schools in Municipal Corporations, more than 17,400 studying in those in Municipalities, more than 42,800 in village panchayat limits and more than 10,100 students in remote and hilly areas would benefit under the scheme, which is said to be first-of-its-kind in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – launched 1st phase of “Chief Minister’s Breakfast Scheme” at Govt Primary Schools
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai](#) | [CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin](#) | [Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi](#)

21. As on July 29, a total of 8 craft villages across India were selected for development under the Ministry of Textile’s ‘Linking Textile with Tourism’ initiative. The villages which have been selected are - Raghurajpur (Odisha), Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Vadaj (Gujarat), Naini (Uttar Pradesh), Anegundi (Karnataka), Mahabalipuram (Tamil Nadu), Taj Ganj (Uttar Pradesh), and Amer (Rajasthan). Around 1,000 artisans will be benefitted directly across through this programme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A total of 8 craft villages across India were selected for development under ‘Linking Textile with Tourism’ initiative
- ‘Linking Textile with Tourism’ – an initiative of Ministry of Textile
- [Ministry of Textiles: Piyush Goyal](#) | [Constituency – Maharashtra](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Textiles: Darshana Vikram Jardosh](#)

22. On July 31, Belagavi Deputy Commissioner Nitesh Patil launched “Punya Koti Dattu Yojane”, the Karnataka government’s cow adoption scheme. A mobile application will be developed to provide all necessary information to the public about the scheme. The scheme will work to strengthen goshalas or public cow shelters by seeking donations or adoption of abandoned cattle. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitesh Patil (Karnataka) – launched “Punya Koti Dattu Yojane”, a cow adoption scheme
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore](#) | [CM – Basavaraj Bommai](#) | [Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot](#)



Important Days & Dates

1. World UFO Day is celebrated annually on 2 July to make people aware about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO). The term 'UFO' for Unidentified Flying Object was coined by US Air Force officer Edward Ruppelt. In the past, there were two days that were celebrated as World UFO Day - 2 July and 24 June. However, World UFO Day Organization (WUFODO) declared 2 July to be the official World UFO Day in order to avoid any confusion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 2 – World Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Day

2. International Day of Cooperatives (Coops Day) is marked annually on the first Saturday of July. This year, the day was observed on 2 July. The day spreads awareness about how cooperatives work in harmony for social, cultural, and economic development. This year's Coops Day's slogan is "Cooperatives Build a Better World". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 2 (1st Saturday of July) – UN's International Day of Cooperatives (since 1923)
- 2022's Theme – "Cooperatives Build a Better World"
- [HQs of UN – New York, United States](#) | [Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres](#)

3. World Sports Journalists Day is a global professional observance celebrated every year on July 2 to acknowledge the job of sports journalists. The day encourages those who help in the development of different kinds of games and strengthen sporting culture all around the world. The day was first celebrated in 1994 by the International Sports Press Association (AIPS). The year 2022 marks the 98th anniversary of the AIPS. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 2 – "World Sports Journalists Day" (98th anniversary of the AIPS)
- [HQs of AIPS – Lausanne, Switzerland](#) | [President – Gianni Merlo](#) | [Established in – 1924](#)

4. Every year on July 3, International Plastic Bag free day is observed to raise awareness around this highly important issue. The day was first observed in 2008. The main goal of the day is to raise awareness of the growing harm that the use of this non-biodegradable substance is causing to the environment. The Day was started by Zero Waste Europe, a Brussels based non-governmental organisation (NGO). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 3 – "International Plastic Bag Free Day" (since 2008) – by Zero Waste Europe ([Brussels, Belgium](#))

5. World Zoonoses Day is observed annually on 6 July to commemorate the first vaccination administered by French Biologist Louis Pasteur against a zoonotic disease like influenza, ebola and West Nile virus. Zoonotic diseases are caused by viruses, parasites, bacteria and fungi. The day was instituted on 6 July, 1885. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 6 – "World Zoonoses Day"
- First anti-rabies vaccination was discovered by – Louis Pasteur (in 1885)

6. On July 7, the first ever "World Kiswahili Language Day" was celebrated by the UNESCO with the theme of "Kiswahili for Peace and Prosperity". Kiswahili is one of the most widely spoken languages in Africa. Kiswahili is the only African language within the Directorate of the Global Communications at the United Nations. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- July 7 – 1st “World Kiswahili Language Day” – by UNESCO
- 2022’s Theme – “Kiswahili for Peace and Prosperity”
- Kiswahili is the only ‘African Language’ within the Directorate of the Global Communications at the UN
- [HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France](#) | [Director-General – Audrey Azoulay](#) | [Founded in – 1945](#) | [Members – 193 Countries](#)

7. India marks GST Day on 1 July to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the rollout of the Goods & Services Tax (GST). “GST Day” is observed every year by the Central Board of Indirect Tax and Customs (CBIC) to mark the roll-out of the historic tax reform. The day was first observed in 2018. The indirect tax regime was initiated in 2017 by the Centre. The tax system was finally passed by both the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha in 2016 and enacted as the 101st ‘Constitution Amendment Act, 2016’. As per data by the Centre, GST revenue collected in May 2022 was Rs 1,40,885 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 1, 2022 – 5th GST Day – by CBIC (since 2018)
- The tax system was enacted as the 101st ‘Constitution Amendment Act, 2016’

8. The National Fish Farmers Day was celebrated by the National Fisheries Development Board on July 10, 2022 to demonstrate solidarity with all fisher folk, fish farmers and concerned stakeholders throughout the country. Every year, this annual event is celebrated to commemorate Professor Dr. Hiralal Chaudhury and his colleague Alikunhi for their contribution in achieving the successful induced breeding of major carps on 10th July, 1957 at Angul in Odisha, for the first time in India.

[{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 10 – 65th National Fish Farmers Day

9. The 74th National Chartered Accountants’ (CA) Day was celebrated on 1 July, 2022 with an aim to commemorate the findings of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) by Parliament in 1949. The ICAI is the second largest accounting and a statutory body in the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 1 – 74th National Chartered Accountants’ (CA) Day
- [HQs of ICAI – New Delhi](#) | [President – Debashis Mitra](#) | [Established in – 1949](#)

10. World Population Day is celebrated every year on July 11 across the world to raise awareness about the rising population. The event was established by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989 and the day was first observed in 1990. It seeks to focus on the urgency of population growth and its threats. The theme set by the United Nations for this year’s World Population Day is, “A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all - Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all”. The global population reached the 7 billion mark in 2011 and it was almost 7.9 billion in 2021, according to the data published by the UN. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 11 – World Population Day
- Theme – “A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all - Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all”

11. Every year, National Doctor’s Day is observed on July 1 in the memory of Dr Bidhan Roy, the former Chief Minister of Bengal, who was known for his selfless service to humanity. Dr Bidhan Roy was also a prominent freedom fighter and Bharat Ratna awardee. The day, commemorated by Indian Medical Association (IMA), celebrates all doctors and healthcare workers who have been tirelessly serving people by risking their own lives. Also called Doctors’ Day, it has been celebrated across the nation every year since 1991. In 2022’s the theme is “Family doctors on the front line”. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- July 1 – National Doctors’ Day (since 1991)
- The day marks the birth anniversary of renowned physician – “Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy” (West Bengal’s former CM)
- Theme – “Family doctors on the front line”

12. India celebrates National Students Day on July 9 every year. The day is celebrated each year to mark the foundation day of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) which was founded in 1949 on the ideals of Swami Vivekananda. RSS-affiliated ABVP has around 30 lakh students as its members. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 9 – National Students Day – to mark the foundation day of ‘ABVP’
- HQs of ABVP – Mumbai, Maharashtra | National General Secretary – Nidhi Tripathi

13. Every year, World Paper Bag Day is observed on July 12 to raise awareness of the importance of using paper bags instead of plastic bags. The usage of plastic bags is a global concern that not only harms the environment but also is a threat to human health. In 2022, the theme is “If You’re Fantastic, Do Something Dramatic To Cut the Plastic, Use Paper Bags”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 12 – World Paper Bag Day
- 2022’s Theme – “If You’re Fantastic, Do Something Dramatic To Cut the Plastic, Use Paper Bags”

14. The “International Malala Day” or “Malala Day” is celebrated on 12 July on the occasion of young activist Malala Yousafzai’s birthday. The day is used as an opportunity to appeal to the world leaders to ensure compulsory and free education for every child. In 2012, she was attacked by the Taliban. At the age of 17 years, Yousufzai was the youngest recipient of the ‘Nobel Peace Prize’ in 2014 and she is the second Pakistani to receive a Nobel Prize. In 2015, an asteroid was named in honour of Yousufzai. She was designated as a United Nations Messenger of Peace in 2017 by the Secretary-General António Guterres. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 12 – “International Malala Day” – by UN (birthday of Pakistani activist for female education - Malala Yousafzai)
- Yousufzai (at 17) was the youngest recipient of the ‘Nobel Prize’ in 2014 & Pakistani to receive a Nobel Prize

15. World Youth Skills Day is marked every year on 15 July to celebrate the importance of training young individuals with skills for employment and entrepreneurship. In 2022, the theme is “Transforming Youth Skills for the Future”. In December 2014, the UNGA had adopted a resolution to declare 15 July as World Youth Skills Day with the aim of achieving better socio-economic conditions for today’s youth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 15 – World Youth Skills Day
- 2022’s Theme – “Transforming Youth Skills for the Future”

16. “Nelson Mandela International Day”, also known as “Mandela Day”, is observed every year on July 18 to mark the birth anniversary of the former South African President Nelson Mandela. This day was first celebrated on July 18, 2010. In 2022, the tagline or theme is “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” He is the “Father of the Nation” of South Africa. In 2014, the UNGA introduced the ‘Nelson Mandela Prize’ too. This day also celebrates a campaign known as ‘46664’, his Robben Island prison number. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- July 18 – “Nelson Mandela International Day” or “Mandela Day” (since 2010)
- 2022’s Theme – “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are”
- Nelson Mandela – “Father of the Nation” of South Africa

17. On July 17, International Justice Day or World Day of International Criminal Justice is observed across the globe every year to support and promote those people, who voice their support for the rights of the victims and against injustice. The International Criminal Court (ICC) is the world’s first permanent international criminal court. On 17th July 1998, 120 countries around the world, signed a treaty, and as a result, the ICC came into being. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 17 – “World Day of International Criminal Justice” or “International Justice day”
- HQs of ICC – Hague, Netherlands | President – Judge Piotr Hofmanski | Established in – 2002

18. International Moon Day was observed for the first time by the United Nations on July 20, 2022 as the UN declared International Moon Day, a United Nations-designated day in 2021. The day marks the anniversary of the first landing by humans on the Moon as part of the ‘Apollo 11’ lunar mission. The celebrations will also consider the achievements of all States in the exploration of the Moon and raise public awareness of sustainable Moon exploration and utilization. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 20 – International Moon Day (anniversary of the first landing by humans on the Moon)
- The day was being observed every year, but in 2022, it is observed by the UN for the first time
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945

19. The 3rd edition of World Chess Day or International Chess Day was observed on 20 July, 2022. Chess was invented in India in the 5th century. It was then named “Chaturanga”. International Chess Day is celebrated every year as the founding day of FIDE (International Chess Federation). The year 2022 marks FIDE’s 98th establishment anniversary. The official declaration of World Chess Day to be observed on 20 July was made by the UN General Assembly on 12 December 2019. In 2022, the day was observed with the theme “Women in Chess”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 20 – 3rd edition of “International Chess Day” (98th foundation day of FIDE)
- 2022’s Theme – “Women in Chess”
- Chess (Chaturanga) was invented in India in the 5th century

20. Every year, July 22 is observed as Pi Approximation Day, also called Casual Pi Day. Pi Approximation Day is celebrated on July 22 as it is written as 22/7. Moreover, Pi Day is also celebrated on March 14 as the date is 3-14 is similar to the approximate value of Pi 3.14. The decimal value of pi which is 3.14, was initiated by the physicist Larry Shaw in 1988. [{Read more}](#).

Key Points:

- July 22 – “Pi Approximation Day” (as $\pi = 22/7$)
- March 14 – “Pi Day” (as $\pi = 22/7 = 3.14$)



21. The Income Tax department, under the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), observes July 24 every year as Income Tax Day or 'Aaykar Diwas', to commemorate the introduction of provision of income tax in the country. On July 24, 1860, Sir James Wilson introduced income tax for the first time in India. While 'Aaykar Diwas' was celebrated for the first time on July 24, 2010, to mark 150 years of income tax in India. This year marks 162nd Income Tax Day or Aaykar Diwas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 24 – 162nd 'Income Tax Day' or 'Aaykar Diwas'
- Income Tax was introduced in India by Sir James Wilson – on July 24, 1860
- 'Aaykar Diwas' was celebrated for the first time – on July 24, 2010

22. World Brain Day is observed on July 22 every year to create awareness about brain health and Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Multiple sclerosis is a potentially disabling disease that affects the brain and the spine. The World Federation of Neurology which was established on the same day in 1957 had proposed to observe the day as World Brain Day in the year 2014. In 2022, the theme "Brain Health for All". On World Brain Day, Karnataka Health Minister Dr. K Sudhakar inaugurated India's first "Brain Health Clinic" under the 'Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI)' at Jayanagar General Hospital in Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 22 – World Brain Day
- 2022's theme – "Brain Health for All"
- Karnataka – inaugurated India's first "Brain Health Clinic" under 'Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI)' in Bengaluru

23. National Flag Adoption Day of India is observed on 22nd July every year. It is observed in the memory of the day - 22nd July 1947, a month before independence, when the Constituent Assembly adopted the Tricolor in its present form. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 22 July – National Flag Adoption Day
- Constituent Assembly adopted the Tricolor in its present form – on 22nd July 1947

24. National Broadcasting Day is celebrated every year in India on 23 July to mark the first-ever radio broadcast in India that went on air from the Bombay Station under the Indian Broadcasting Company in 1927. Radio broadcasting services started in India during the British rule in 1922 under the initiative of the Radio Club of Bombay. Later in 1927, the Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC) was made a private entity. All India Radio (AIR) is officially known as "Akashvani" since 1956 and is owned by Prasar Bharati. Today, All India Radio (AIR) is the largest radio network in the world with 479 stations across India. The network reaches over 92% of the area in India and is accessible to 99.19% of the population of the country. The aim of AIR is 'Bahujan Hitaya: Bahujan Sukhaya'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 23 – National Broadcasting Day
- The first-ever radio broadcast in India went on air from Bombay Station under the Indian Broadcasting Company in 1927
- All India Radio (AIR) – officially known as "Akashvani" since 1956 (owned by Prasar Bharati)
- AIR – largest radio network in the world with 479 stations | Aim of AIR – 'Bahujan Hitaya: Bahujan Sukhaya'
- HQs of AIR – New Delhi | DG – N. Venudhar Reddy



25. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted a resolution to designate June 24 as the “International Day of Women in Diplomacy”. Abdulla Shahid, President of the 76th session of the UNGA, presided over the adoption of the resolution. Sneha Dubey is India’s first secretary at the United Nations. While senior diplomat Ruchira Kamboj is India’s current Permanent Representative to the United Nations, who took charge of the post on August 1, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 24 – “International Day of Women in Diplomacy” (UNGA recently adopted a resolution for the same)
- Sneha Dubey – India’s first secretary at the United Nations
- India’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations – Ruchira Kamboj
- [HQs of UNGA – New York, US](#) | [President – Abdulla Shahid](#) | [Member Countries – 193](#)

26. Every year, July 25 is observed as “World In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Day”, commemorating the birth of Louise Brown, the first baby to be born after successful IVF treatment on July 25, 1978 in England. It became one of the most prominent landmarks in the field of infertility treatment and a ray of hope for couples struggling to get pregnant. Infertility affects an estimated 15% of couples globally. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 25 – World In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Day (to commemorate the birth of Louise Brown)
- Louise Brown – the first baby to be born after successful IVF treatment on July 25, 1978 in England
- [UK – London – Pound Sterling](#) | [PM – Boris Johnson](#)

27. World Hepatitis Day is celebrated annually on 28 July to honour the birth of Baruch Blumberg, the Noble Laureate who discovered the Hepatitis B virus. In 2022, the theme is “Bringing Hepatitis Care Closer to You”. Hepatitis is liver damage caused by a viral infection. Hepatitis type A, B, C, D and E are different from each other. The Indian Society for Clinical Research (ISCR) in a 2016 report said that Hepatitis C, a contagious liver infection, affects about 12 million people in the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 28 – World Hepatitis Day (to honour the birth of Baruch Blumberg, who discovered the ‘Hepatitis B’ virus)
- 2022’s Theme – “Bringing Hepatitis Care Closer to You”
- Hepatitis – damages liver & caused by a viral infection | Types: A, B, C, D & E

28. World Emoji Day is celebrated on 17 July every year to promote the use of emojis and spread happiness to those around us. The day was first celebrated on 17 July, 2014. People of all age groups feel that emojis are a great way to convey emotions and that’s why the day is observed globally. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 17 – World Emoji Day (since 2014)

29. World Drowning Prevention Day is celebrated annually on 25 July. The day was recognised in April 2021 by a General Assembly resolution. According to the UN, an estimated 2,36,000 people drown annually, which makes drowning a major public health problem all around the world. More than 90% of drowning deaths occur in low-and middle-income countries, with children under the age of 5 being at highest risk. [{Read more}](#).

Key Points:

- July 25 – 2nd “World Drowning Prevention Day” (since 2021)
- UN report: An estimated 2,36,000 people drown annually in the world

30. Every year, the 'Kargil Vijay Divas' is observed on 26 July to commemorate the victory of India over Pakistan in the Kargil War that was held in the year 1999. During the war, the brave Indian Army reclaimed the famous 'Tiger Hill' and other important posts under the 'Operation Vijay' by evicting the Pakistani intruders. This year marks the 23rd anniversary of India's victory in the Kargil War. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 26 – 23rd Kargil Vijay Divas – to commemorate the victory of India over Pakistan in the Kargil War (1999)
- Indian Army reclaimed the famous 'Tiger Hill' & other important posts under the 'Operation Vijay'
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Shehbaz Sharif | President – Arif Alvi

31. "International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem" or "World Mangrove Day" is observed by the UNESCO every year on July 26 to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems as a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem. Mangroves contribute to the wellbeing, food security, and protection of coastal communities worldwide. According to the 'Forest Survey Report 2021', the total mangrove cover in the country is 4,992 sq km. The day was first observed in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 26 – "International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem" or "World Mangrove Day"
- The day is observed by – UNESCO (since 2016)
- 'Forest Survey Report 2021': Total mangrove cover in India – 4,992 sq km
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945 | Members – 193 Countries

32. Every year, World Nature Conservation Day is celebrated on July 28 to create awareness among people about the importance and significance of natural resources. Due to the increase in the human population, natural resources have been compromised to critically dangerous levels due to challenges caused by humans such as - Global Warming, Environmental Pollution, Destruction of Flora & Fauna, and Deforestation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 28 – World Nature Conservation Day

33. The "International Tiger Day" or "Global Tiger Day" is observed every year on July 29 across the world in order to raise awareness for tiger conservation. According to the World Wildlife Fund, India is home to over half of the world's wild tigers - 2,226, according to the Tiger Census (2018) which is conducted once every 4 years. India comprises over 70% of the tiger population globally. Tiger is one of the species that is classified as 'Endangered' by the IUCN. Currently, Madhya Pradesh holds the status of 'Tiger State' with 526 tigers. Meanwhile, according to the National Tiger Conservation Authority, there were 1,059 tiger deaths in India since 2012 with Madhya Pradesh recording the highest number of deaths. Moreover, India is home to 52 tiger reserves with the latest addition of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve Bundi, Rajasthan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 29 – "International Tiger Day" or "Global Tiger Day"
- India has 52 Tiger Reserves (as of July 2022) | Last Tiger Census was conducted in 2018
- India comprises over 70% of the Tiger population globally (2,226) | Tiger – classified as 'Endangered' by the IUCN
- Madhya Pradesh – holds the status of 'Tiger State'



34. The 7th Anniversary of the Skill India Mission (SIM) was observed on July 15. National Skill Development Mission (also known as Skill India Mission) was launched on this day in 2015. Skill India is an initiative of the Central Government to empower the youth with skill sets, making them more employable. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 15 – 7th Anniversary of ‘Skill India Mission’ (also known as National Skill Development Mission) | Launched in 2015

35. World Day Against Trafficking is marked annually on 30 July to understand the harms of human trafficking and its impact on people’s life. In 2010, the United Nations General Assembly had adopted the Global Plan of Action to deal with trafficking in persons. The theme for the year 2022 is “Use and Abuse of Technology”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 30 – World Day Against Trafficking
- 2022’s Theme – “Use and Abuse of Technology”

36. This year’s Earth Overshoot Day was observed July 28, a day before it was celebrated in 2021 on July 29. This means humanity has used all biological resources that the Earth regenerates during the entire year by July 28. The day, hosted and calculated by Global Footprint Network (GFN), falls earlier every year, to indicate that humanity’s demand for natural resources exceeds what the Earth can provide. The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) has launched the “Good for You, Good for the Planet” campaign to guide people towards eating a planet friendly diet. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 28 – “Earth Overshoot Day 2022” – by Global Footprint Network
- WWF launched “Good for You, Good for the Planet” campaign to guide people towards eating a planet friendly diet

37. World Ranger Day is marked every year on 31 July to commemorate rangers who were killed or injured while they were in the line of duty and to celebrate the work that they do to protect the natural treasures and cultural heritage of the planet. A ranger usually refers to a forest or park ranger who has the responsibility of preserving and protecting parklands and naturally protected areas. The day was first celebrated in 2007 on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the International Ranger Federation (IRF). Orang National Park and Tiger Reserve Ranger Team is among the various winners from across the world in the “2022 IUCN-WCPA International Ranger Awards”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 31 – World Ranger Day (since 2007)
- Ranger – a forest or park ranger who preserves & protects parklands & naturally protected areas
- Orang National Park – Assam

38. On July 27, PM Narendra Modi extended greetings to the soldiers of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), India’s largest Central Armed Police Force, on the 84th Raising Day of the CRPF. The CRPF came into existence as Crown Representative’s Police on July 27, 1939. It became the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on the enactment of the CRPF Act on December 28, 1949. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 27 – 84th Raising Day of the CRPF | CRPF – India’s largest Central Armed Police Force (CAPFs)
- CRPF – came into existence as ‘Crown Representative’s Police’ on July 27, 1939 & became CRPF on Dec 28, 1949
- CAPFs – comprise the CRPF, CISF, ITBP, SSB & BSF
- HQs of CRPF – New Delhi | DG – Kuldiep Singh | Formed on – July 27, 1939 | Motto – “Service & Loyalty”



Books & Authors

1. A book titled “Ganga: Reimagining, Rejuvenating, Reconnecting” is authored by Rajiv Ranjan Mishra and Puskal Upadhyay. The book, published by Rupa Publications, chronicles the long and complex journey so far transcending the challenges & issues faced by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) team during its task. Its efforts aimed to make the river not just clean but also rejuvenated. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Ganga: Reimagining, Rejuvenating, Reconnecting” book – authored by Rajiv Ranjan Mishra & Puskal Upadhyay

2. On July 5, Hachette India announced the expanded paperback edition of 5-time world chess champion Viswanathan Anand's widely acclaimed memoir “Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life”. The book is written by Anand with author-journalist Susan Ninan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life” – a memoir of Viswanathan Anand
- Authors: Viswanathan Anand + Susan Ninan | Publisher – Hachette India

3. A book titled “The Architect of the New BJP: How Narendra Modi Transformed the Party” is authored by Ajay Singh. Singh's book is an excellent guide to anyone wanting to know how Narendra Modi, an RSS pracharak, and then general secretary in the BJP, articulated his thoughts on how to win elections and influence people on the ground. The book was published by Penguin Random House on July 11, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Architect of the New BJP: How Narendra Modi Transformed the Party” book – authored by Ajay Singh
- Publisher – Penguin Random House

4. On July 9, Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Meenakshi Lekhi launched a book “Swadhinata Sangram Na Surviro” in Gujarati, commemorating the contributions of freedom fighters. The book is a part of the “Swadhinta Ka Amrit Mahotsav” to mark the 75th year of the country's Independence. The book is prepared by the Hindu Spiritual & Service Foundation (HSSF) in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meenakshi Lekhi – launched a book “Swadhinata Sangram Na Surviro” in Gujarati
- The book is prepared by – Hindu Spiritual & Service Foundation ([Chennai](#), [Tamil Nadu](#))

5. In July 2022, Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar released a book, “The McMahon Line: A Century of Discord”, authored by General Joginder Jaswant Singh (Retd) at the Raj Bhavan. General J. J. Singh is former Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and former Chief of Army Staff. This book is based on his experiences and research on the India-China border dispute while in the army. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The McMahon Line: A Century of Discord” book – authored by General Joginder Jaswant Singh (Retd)
- General J. J. Singh – former Governor of Arunachal Pradesh & former Chief of Army Staff
- The book was released by – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar (Governor of Himachal Pradesh)



6. On July 11, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar launched an anthology of essays on various aspects of India's soft power titled "Connecting through Culture". The first-of-its-kind book is a joint project of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA). Vinay Sahasrabudhe, President ICCR and Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary of the IGNCA have jointly edited this book which contains a total of 23 articles. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar – launched an anthology of essays titled "Connecting through Culture" (joint project of ICCR + IGNCA)
- The book is jointly edited by – Vinay Sahasrabudhe (ICCR) + Sachchidanand (IGNCA)

7. On July 18, a book titled "The Resilient Entrepreneur", written by Dhruvi Shah, was launched globally in the presence of entrepreneurs from Singapore, India, and the US. The book is published by Ocean Reeve Publishing. The catalogue of this book is available in the National Library of Australia. The book talks about how one can create a legacy and can adapt, survive, thrive, and remain resilient in today's volatile world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The book "The Resilient Entrepreneur" – written by Dhruvi Shah
- Publisher – Ocean Reeve Publishing

8. Ruth Vanita, in her new book titled "The Dharma of Justice in the Sanskrit Epics: Debates on Gender, Varna and Species", demonstrates that a scrupulous reading of India's ancient texts can reveal that there is a greater continuity in our moral and ethical preoccupations than many of us suspect. In this book, Vanita also tackles the Ramayana and the Mahabharata and how they debate questions of justice. The book was published by Oxford University Press. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "The Dharma of Justice in the Sanskrit Epics: Debates on Gender, Varna and Species" – written by Ruth Vanita
- Publisher – Oxford University Press

9. In July 2022, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama launched a book titled "Beyond the Misty Veil - Temple Tales of Uttarakhand" by Aradhana Johri. The book seeks to create awareness about the temples and promote tourism in the State. Aradhana has highlighted in the book the significance of temples and the mythology associated with them. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Beyond the Misty Veil - Temple Tales of Uttarakhand" book – authored by Aradhana Johri
- The book was launched by – Pushkar Singh Dhama
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhama | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

10. Sanjaya Baru has authored a new book titled "Journey of a Nation: 75 Years of Indian Economy: Re-emerge, Reinvest, Re-engage". The book is part of a series that looks back at the past 75 years of independent India. The book starts with a reference to British historian Angus Maddison and his book "The World Economy: A Millennial Perspective" (2001). There are 14 chapters in the book. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Journey of a Nation: 75 Years of Indian Economy: Re-emerge, Reinvest, Re-engage" – authored by Sanjaya Baru

11. In July 2022, former US first lady Michelle Obama announced the release of her second book, "The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times", after the huge success of her acclaimed memoir "Becoming" in 2018. The book, scheduled to release on November 15, will be published simultaneously in 14 languages and 27 countries around the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times” book – authored by Michelle Obama
- “Becoming” memoir – written by Michelle Obama

12. On July 29, Tata Power, in association with Ela Foundation, released the 4th book in a series on “Amphibians of the Northern Western Ghats”. It is a photographic guide to all 52 species of amphibians in Gujarat, Diu, Daman, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Maharashtra and Goa, highlighting the rich biodiversity of the western ghats of Maharashtra. The book is authored by Satish Pande with inputs from Vivek Vishwasrao and Gram Purohit. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Power + Ela Foundation = released the 4th book in a series on “Amphibians of the Northern Western Ghats”
- The book is authored by – Satish Pande | Inputs from – Vivek Vishwasrao & Gram Purohit
- HQs of Tata Power – Mumbai | Chairman – N. Chandrasekaran | MD & CEO – Praveer Sinha

13. On July 30, Leading businesswomen and ‘Shark Tank India’ judge Namita Thapar announced to make her debut as an author with her first book “The Dolphin and the Shark: Stories on Entrepreneurship”, scheduled to be published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI) in August. The book expounds on the concepts of the age-old aggressor leader role - the shark - and the more empathetic style of leadership which is represented by the dolphin. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Dolphin and the Shark: Stories on Entrepreneurship” book – authored by Namita Thapar (her debut)
- Publisher – Penguin Random House India

14. Joy Bhattacharjya and Amit Sinha authored a book titled ‘Do Different: The Untold Dhoni’. The book aims to uncover the story behind M.S. Dhoni's achievements and aura. The book was published by Penguin Random House India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Do Different: The Untold Dhoni” book – authored by Joy Bhattacharjya & Amit Sinha
- Publisher – Penguin Random House India

15. On July 28, Author and historian K.R.A. Narasiah’s autobiography “Through The Rear View Mirror” was launched by former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi. The book is an honest description of one’s life honestly lived with no malice, no regrets and great deal of gratitude for whatever had come his way. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Through The Rear View Mirror” – an autobiography of author & historian K.R.A. Narasiah
- The book was launched by – Gopalkrishna Gandhi (Former West Bengal Governor)



Obituaries

1. On July 5, writer & veteran Bengali Film Director, Tarun Majumdar passed away at the age of 92. Majumdar, a four-time National Award winner and Padma Shri (1990) recipient, was born on January 1, 1931, in Bogra (now in Bangladesh). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tarun Majumdar – a Writer & Bengali Film Director – passed away
- Awards: National Award (4 times), Padma Shri (1990)

2. The All India Football Federation (AIFF) condoled the death of former India goalkeeper E. N. Sudhir who passed away in July 2022. He made his international debut against Indonesia in Rangoon (currently Yangon) in the Olympic qualifiers in 1972, and represented India in 9 matches. Sudhir was also part of the National Team in the 1973 Merdeka Cup and the Asian Games squad in 1974. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- E. N. Sudhir – a Football Goalkeeper – passed away
- He was part of the National Team in '1973 Merdeka Cup' & 'Asian Games' squad in 1974
- HQs of AIFF – Dwarka, Delhi | President – Praful Patel | Gen. Secretary – Kushal Das

3. The Secretary General of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Mohammad Barkindo passed away in July 2022. From 1 August, 2016 until his death, he was the Secretary General of the OPEC. He helped to create the OPEC+ alliance between OPEC members and other oil-producing countries. Kuwait's Haitham al-Ghais will take charge as the OPEC's Secretary General from August, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mohammad Barkindo – Secretary General of OPEC – passed away
- Haitham al-Ghais (Kuwait) – takes charge as the OPEC's Secretary General from August, 2022
- HQs of OPEC – Vienna, Austria | Secretary General – Haitham al-Ghais

4. On July 3, the British theatre director Peter Brook, one of the world's most innovative theatre directors, passed away at the age of 97. He used the world as his stage mounting productions ranging from challenging versions of Shakespeare through international opera to Hindu epic poems. He was best known in India for the production of "Le Mahabharata" (The Mahabharata), a French play. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Peter Brook – a British Theatre Director – Passed away
- He was best known in India for the production of a French play titled "Le Mahabharata" (The Mahabharata)
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

5. On July 5, Former Bihar Agriculture Minister and firebrand Socialist Leader, Narendra Singh passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 75. He served as agriculture minister in Nitish Kumar's cabinet till 2014. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh – Former Bihar Agriculture Minister & firebrand Socialist Leader – passed away
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan



6. On July 6, freedom fighter P. Gopinathan Nair passed away at the age of 100 due to age-related ailments. P Gopinathan Nair was known for following Gandhian ideology in his life and was honoured with the Padma Award in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- P. Gopinathan Nair – Freedom fighter – passed away
- He was known for following Gandhian ideology in his life | Padma Award (2016)

7. On July 8, Angola's former President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, who ruled Africa's second biggest oil producer country for nearly 4 decades, passed away at the age of 79. One of Africa's longest serving leaders, dos Santos, stepped down 5 years ago in 2007 and was replaced by President Joao Lourenco. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jose Eduardo dos Santos – former President of Angola – passed away
- [Angola – Luanda – Kwanza](#) | [PM – Joao Lourenço](#)

8. On July 8, Japan's former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe passed away after being shot by a gunman Tetsuya Yamagami at a campaign event. The suspect is a Nara resident. Abe became Japan's longest-serving PM in November 2019. He first took office in 2006 as Japan's youngest prime minister since World War Two, and held office for 1 year and again from 2012 to 2020. He was awarded "Netaji Award" in January 2022 by Netaji Research Bureau. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shinzo Abe – Japan's former Prime Minister – passed away (Japan's longest-serving PM)
- He was awarded "Netaji Award" by Netaji Research Bureau (in Jan 2022)
- [Japan – Tokyo – Yen](#) | [PM – Fumio Kishida](#)

9. On July 13, Padma Shri awardee & Social Activist, Avdhash Kaushal passed away at the age of 87. He also fought for the rights of Van Gujjars and is known for his works to improve the lives of tribal hill communities in the Jaunsar-Bawar region, a predominantly tribal belt of Dehradun. In 1986, the Government of India conferred the Padma Shri, the fourth-highest civilian award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Avdhash Kaushal – a Social Activist – passed away (Padma Shri in 1986)

10. On July 11, Eminent archaeologist, historian and former Director-General of the Bangladesh National Museum, Dr. Enamul Haque passed away in Dhaka. He was 85. Dr. Enamul Haque was conferred with Padma Shri in the field of Archeology in 2020 for his work on Bengal's Iconography and terracotta art. During his illustrious career, he was awarded with the Ekushey Padak in 2016 and the highest civilian award of Bangladesh Swadhinta Padak in 2020. He was a scholar, museologist, cultural activist, freedom fighter, songwriter and TV personality. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Enamul Haque ([Bangladesh](#)) – an eminent Archaeologist & former DG of Bangladesh National Museum – passed away
- He was a Historian, Scholar, Museologist, Cultural Activist, Freedom Fighter, Songwriter & TV Personality
- Awards: Padma Shri (2020), Ekushey Padak in (2016), Swadhinta Padak (2020)



11. On July 9, Brijendra Kumar Syngal, an IITian & former Chairman of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL), passed away at the age of 82. Syngal, referred to as “Father of Internet” in India, joined Reliance following a controversial exit from VSNL. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Brijendra Kumar Syngal – an IITian & former Chairman of VSNL – passed away
- Syngal – referred to as “Father of Internet” in India

12. On July 16, Actor-filmmaker Pratap Pothen passed away in Chennai at the age of 70. Known for his work in Malayalam cinema, he also worked in Tamil and Telugu films. He won a National Award for directing the 1985 film ‘Meendum Oru Kaathal Kathai’. He also won the Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of a Director. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pratap Pothen – an Actor-filmmaker – passed away
- Awards: ‘National Award’ & ‘Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of a Director’

13. On July 19, Noted Scientist, Director of Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Bhubaneswar, Dr. Ajay Parida passed away in Guwahati, Assam at the age of 58. He was an Indian biologist noted for his contributions in the fields of agriculture, plant molecular biology and biotechnology. In 2014, he was awarded the Padma Shri Award for his contribution in the field of Science and Technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Ajay Parida – Director of Institute of Life Sciences, Bhubaneswar – passed away
- He received ‘Padma Shri’ in 2014 for his contribution in the field of S&T

14. On July 18, Renowned ghazal singer Bhupinder Singh died at the age of 82 due to suspected colon cancer and Covid-related complications. Bhupinder Singh began his career working in the All India Radio, Delhi, as a singer and musician. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhupinder Singh – a Ghazal singer – passed away

15. On July 25, Former Northern Irish first minister David Trimble passed away at the age of 77. He was a pro-British leader who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998 for his role as a key architect in ending three decades of bloodshed in Northern Ireland. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- David Trimble – Former Northern Irish first minister – passed away
- He won Nobel Peace Prize in 1998 for his role as a key architect in ending 3 decades of bloodshed in Northern Ireland
- Northern Ireland – Belfast – Pound Sterling | President – Michael D. Higgins
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

16. On July 27, Padma Shri Sushovan Banerjee, known as ‘One Rupee Doctor’, passed away at the age of 80. Based in Birbhum district of West Bengal, Banerjee was known for treating patients for nearly 60 years at Re 1 per visit. In 2020, he was conferred with the Padma Shri for his contribution in the field of medicine. In the same year, his name found place in the Guinness World Records for treating the maximum number of patients. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Sushovan Banerjee ([West Bengal](#)) – a Doctor – passed away (known as ‘One Rupee Doctor’)
- Awards: ‘Padma Shri’ (2020) in Medicine, Guinness World Records (2020)

17. On July 27, Eminent Assam litterateur Atulananda Goswami, known for his novels and short stories, passed away. He was 87. Goswami is widely known for his novel ‘Namghoria’ written in the early 1990s. He received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2006 for his short story collection ‘Seneh Jarir Ganthi’. He was also bestowed with the Ambikagiri Roy Choudhury Sahitya Award, the Kumar Kishor Memorial Award, the Katha Award and the Sneha Bharati Sahitya Samman, among other honours. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Atulananda Goswami – Eminent Assam Litterateur – passed away
- His Awards:
 - Sahitya Akademi Award
 - Ambikagiri Roy Choudhury Sahitya Award
 - Kumar Kishor Memorial Award
 - Katha Award
 - Sneha Bharati Sahitya Samman

18. On July 31, former Philippine President Fidel Ramos died from COVID-19 complications at the age of 94. Ramos, the 12th President of the Philippines from 1992 to 1998, was said to be the driving force behind the renewed investor confidence in the Philippines. It was during his time that the Philippines was recognized as a budding “Tiger Economy”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Fidel Ramos – Former Philippine President – Passed away
- [Philippines – Manila – Peso](#) | [President – Ferdinand Marcos Jr.](#)



Meetings, Conferences & Summits

1. The 9th session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) was held in Bonn, Germany from July 3-9, 2022. Representatives of 140 governments met in the German city to consider two new scientific reports on sustainable use of wild species and values and valuation of nature. The last physical IPBES meeting was held in 2019 Paris. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 9th Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services – held in Bonn, Germany
- The last physical IPBES Meeting was held – in Paris, France (in 2019)
- [Germany – Berlin – Euro](#) | [President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier](#)

2. On July 4, the 8th session of the “India-Armenia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological, Cultural and Educational Cooperation” was held in Yerevan, Armenia. The Indian delegation was led by Secretary (West), Sanjay Verma. The 7th IGC was held in April 2016. A Mahatma Gandhi Auditorium was inaugurated at the Yerevan State Medical University (YSMU). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 8th session of the “India-Armenia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific & Technological, Cultural and Educational Cooperation” – held in Yerevan, Armenia
- [Armenia – Yerevan – Dram](#) | [PM – Nikol Pashinyan](#) | [President – Vahagn Khachaturyan](#)

3. On July 4, Myanmar hosted a high-level regional meeting “Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Group Meeting” with China’s Foreign Minister Wang Yi and counterparts from Mekong Delta nations. The meeting was held under the theme “Solidarity for Peace and Prosperity” in the central city of Bagan, a UNESCO World Heritage site. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Myanmar – hosted “Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Group Meeting” with China & counterparts from Mekong Delta
- Theme of the meeting – “Solidarity for Peace and Prosperity”
- [Myanmar – Naypyitaw – Kyat](#) | [President – Myint Swe](#) | [PM – Min Aung Hlaing](#)

4. In July 2022, PM Narendra Modi addressed the “Arun Jaitley Memorial Lecture” (AJML), organised by the Ministry of Finance, as well as “Kautilya Economic Conclave (KEC)”, organized by the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) in partnership with the Ministry of Finance. The theme of AJML was “Growth through Inclusivity, Inclusivity through Growth”. While the theme of KEC 2022 was “Redefining the Future”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi – addressed AJML organized by MoF & KEC organized by IEG & MoF
- AJML’s Theme – “Growth through Inclusivity, Inclusivity through Growth” | KEC’s Theme – “Redefining the Future”
- [Ministry of Finance: Nirmala Sitharaman](#) | [Constituency – Karnataka](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Finance: Pankaj Chowdhary & Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad](#)



5. On July 6, Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying inaugurated the first “India Animal Health Summit 2022” in New Delhi for greater use of Ayurveda for ensuring better animal health. The minister highlights the need to strengthen cooperative movement in livestock sector. Shri Rupala was the Chief Guest at the inaugural function of “India Animal Health Summit 2022” organized by Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) and the Agriculture Today Group. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Parshottam Rupala – inaugurated the first “India Animal Health Summit 2022” in New Delhi
- The summit was organized by = ICFA + Agriculture Today Group
- [Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Parshottam Rupala | Constituency – Gujarat](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan & Dr. L. Murugan](#)

6. National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval inaugurated the first ever “Meeting of the Multi-Agency Maritime Security Group (MAMSG)” in New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by National Maritime Security Coordinator, Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar. The meeting brought together senior officials from all 13 coastal States & UTs, the Indian Navy and several Central Agencies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ajit Doval – inaugurated the first ever “Meeting of the Multi-Agency Maritime Security Group (MAMSG)” in New Delhi
- The meeting was chaired by – Vice Admiral G. Ashok Kumar (National Maritime Security Coordinator)

7. On July 8, India’s Ambassador to China, Pradeep Kumar Rawat attended a panel discussion on “BRICS Cooperation: Opportunities and Challenges” as part of the 10th “World Peace Forum” organized by Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. In 2022, the forum was organised under the theme “Preserving International Stability: Commonality, Comprehensiveness and Cooperation”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pradeep Kumar Rawat – attended a panel discussion on “BRICS Cooperation: Opportunities and Challenges”
- 10th “World Peace Forum” organized by Tsinghua University – in Beijing, China
- 2022’s theme of the forum – “Preserving International Stability: Commonality, Comprehensiveness & Cooperation”

8. In July 2022, Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi inaugurated the 5th Global Film Tourism Conclave (GFTC) at Novotel Mumbai Juhu Beach, Mumbai. PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PHDCCI) had organised the 5th GFTC on the theme “Unleashing the Power of Cinematic Tourism” in coordination with the Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi – inaugurated 5th Global Film Tourism Conclave (GFTC) in Mumbai
- The conclave was organised by = PHDCCI + Ministry of Tourism + Ministry of I&B
- Theme of the conclave – “Unleashing the Power of Cinematic Tourism”

9. The heads of the Caspian countries adopted the final communique of the 6th Caspian Summit, which was held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. The summit was attended by the leaders of the Caspian countries - Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan and Russia. The next Caspian summit will be held in Iran at the agreed time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 6th Caspian Summit – held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan | The next Caspian summit will be held in – Iran
- Caspian countries: 5 – Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan & Russia

10. On July 1, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya chaired the “Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) Conference 2022” and released the 9th edition of “Indian Pharmacopoeia” and stated that it is important to develop a “Swasthya and Samrudh Bharat”. The conference was held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The theme of this year’s conference was “Addressing Medicine Quality for Future”. The Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) is published by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to fulfill the requirements of the “Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940”. IP 2022 contains a total of 92 new monographs, leading to the total number of 3152 monographs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) Conference 2022” – held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- Theme of the conference – “Addressing Medicine Quality for Future” | Chaired by – Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar

11. On July 9, a joint “Indo-US Counter Narcotics Working Group (CNWG) Meeting” was held to deliberate on drug law enforcement and increase in seizures of heroin from Afghanistan. The two sides also signed an agreement on strengthening cooperation and sharing intelligence. The Indian delegation was headed by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Director General S. N. Pradhan. An Amended Letter of Agreement in the field of cooperation for drug related matters between India and the US was signed during the event. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Counter Narcotics Working Group (CNWG) Meeting – held between India & US
- Indian delegation was headed by – S. N. Pradhan (Director General of NCB)
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

12. On July 9, President of India, Ram Nath Kovind addressed “Yuva Sammelan” organized by ‘My Home India’ in New Delhi to inspire the youth to achieve the goals of ‘New India and Atmanirbhar Bharat’. My Home India is a National NGO, which aims at bringing emotional integration between people from different parts of the country. India has the largest population of adolescents and youth in the world which is called ‘Demographic Dividend’ for India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ram Nath Kovind – addressed “Yuva Sammelan” organized by ‘My Home India’ in New Delhi

13. On July 10, PM Narendra Modi virtually addressed a “Natural Farming Conclave” organized in Surat, Gujarat. As part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, PM Modi, in his address at “Gujarat Panchayat Mahasammelan” in March, 2022, had exhorted at least 75 farmers in each village to adopt Natural way of farming. Consequently, at least 75 farmers were identified in each Gram Panchayat and were motivated and trained to undertake Natural Farming. The farmers were trained in 90 different clusters resulting in training of more than 41,000 farmers across the district. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – virtually addressed a “Natural Farming Conclave” organized in Surat, Gujarat
- At least 75 farmers were identified in each Gram Panchayat & were motivated & trained to undertake Natural Farming
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat



14. On July 12, Ministry of Mines organised the 6th “National Conclave on Mines & Minerals” as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav iconic week celebrations at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi. Union Home Minister Amit Shah was the chief guest of the conclave which was inaugurated by Union Minister of Mines, Pralhad Joshi. Some of the highlights of the conclave include conferring of national level award ‘Rashtriya Khanij Vikas Puraskar’ to the best performing States in the field of mining, launch of three modules of Mining Tenement System (MTS), awards for 5-Star rated mines for the year 2020-21 and ‘National Geo Science Awards-2019’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Mines – organised the 6th “National Conclave on Mines & Minerals” in New Delhi
- Chief Guest – Amit Shah | Inaugurated by – Pralhad Joshi
- Ministry of Coal & Ministry of Mines: Pralhad Joshi | Constituency – Dharwad, Karnataka
- MoS in Ministry of Coal & Ministry of Mines: Danve Raosaheb Dadarao

15. On July 14, PM Narendra Modi participated in the first “Leaders’ Summit of I2U2” virtually, along with leaders of Israel, the United Arab Emirates and the United States. I2U2 is aimed to encourage joint investments in 6 mutually identified areas such as water, energy, transportation, space, health, and food security. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – virtually participated in the first “Leaders’ Summit of I2U2”
- ‘I2U2’ member countries: 4 – India, Israel, UAE & US (created by the US)

16. The 27th Conference of Parties (CoP27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will be held in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt in November, 2022. The CoP26 was held at Glasgow, Scotland, UK from 31 October to 13 November 2021. One of the outcomes of CoP26 was the finalisation of the “Paris Rulebook”. As a result, the main theme of CoP27 is the ‘Implementation of the Paris Agreement’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CoP27 to the UNFCCC – will be held in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt (in Nov, 2022)
- The main theme of CoP27 is the ‘Implementation of the Paris Agreement’
- The CoP26 was held in – Glasgow, Scotland, UK
- Egypt – Cairo – Egyptian Pound | President – Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

17. On July 14, the “National Conference of State Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers” was organized in Bangalore, after the gap of 2 years due to the Corona crisis. This conference was organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoAFW) coinciding with the ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’. On this occasion, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched the “e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) Platform of Platform (PoP)” to promote trade & marketing of agriculture produce. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “National Conference of State Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers” – organized by MoAFW in Bangalore
- Narendra Singh Tomar – launched the “e-NAM Platform of Platform (PoP)” to promote trade of agriculture produce
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar



18. In July 2022, the 51st Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) leaders' meeting was started in Fiji's capital Suva. During the 4-day meeting, PIF leaders launched the "2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent (2050 Strategy)" and discussed other issues such as regional development and socio-economic challenges. Fiji and the Solomon Islands also inked an agreement concerning maritime boundaries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 51st Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) leaders' meeting – held in Suva, Fiji
- PIF leaders launched – "2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent (2050 Strategy)"
- [Fiji – Suva – Fijian Dollar](#) | [President – Jioji Konrote](#)

19. On July 14, Minister for Labour & Employment, Bhupender Yadav attended the 8th "BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting" held under the Chinese Presidency in Beijing. During the meeting, BRICS nations adopted the "BRICS Labour & Employment Ministerial Declaration", recognizing the need for promoting Green Jobs for Sustainable Development, strengthening of cooperation in Skills Development and protection of workers' rights in new forms of Employment. The minister highlighted various initiatives taken by India towards providing free ration, enhancing the number of days of assured employment under MNREGA, collateral free loans provided to 2.9 million street vendors to help them resume their businesses under 'PM SVANidhi Yojana' during the pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhupender Yadav – attended the 8th "BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting" in Beijing (Presidency - China)
- BRICS nations adopted the "BRICS Labour & Employment Ministerial Declaration"
- [BRICS Member Countries = 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa](#) | [BRICS Chairmanship in 2022 – China](#)
- [Ministry of Labour & Employment: Bhupender Yadav](#) | [Constituency – Rajasthan](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Labour & Employment: Rameswar Teli](#)

20. The National Health Authority (NHA) organised its first hackathon under the "Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission Hackathon Series" from July 14 to 17, 2022 at the Smart City Operations Centre, Pune, Maharashtra in hybrid format. The hackathon was organized under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) in association with Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) and Pune Smart City Development Corporation Limited (PSCDCL). The hackathon was inaugurated by Dr. R.S. Sharma, Chief Executive Officer, NHA. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NHA – organised its 1st hackathon under "Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission Hackathon Series" in Pune
- The hackathon was inaugurated by – Dr. R. S. Sharma
- [HQs of NHA – New Delhi](#) | [CEO – Ram Sevak Sharma](#) | [Founded in – 2018](#)

21. On July 16, Union Law Minister Kiran Rijju and Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot addressed the inaugural session of the 18th "All India Legal Services Authority Meet" in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The two-day event was inaugurated by N. V. Ramana, the Chief Justice of India, and organised by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). During the address, both ministers voiced against the hefty fees of Supreme Court lawyers who charge Rs 10-15 lakh for one hearing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- N. V. Ramana – inaugurated 18th All India Legal Services Authorities' Meet – in Jaipur, Rajasthan (organized by - NALSA)
- Kiran Rijju & Ashok Gehlot addressed the inaugural session



22. Entrepreneurial leaders from business, government and civil society virtually participated in the “The New Champion Dialogues” organized by the World Economic Forum (WEF) on 18-19 July 2022. The meeting convened targeted discussions under the theme “Navigating Uncertainty” and included over 1100 participants from around the world. Since 2007, the Annual Meeting of the New Champions, is held annually in China. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the last in-person Annual Meeting of the New Champions was held in Dalian, China, in July 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The New Champion Dialogues” – organized by WEF | Theme – “Navigating Uncertainty”
- The Annual Meeting of the New Champions, is held annually in China
- HQs of WEF – Cologny, Switzerland | Exe Chairman – Klaus Schwab | President – Borge Brende | Founded in – 1971

23. The 17th “CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India Africa Growth Partnership” was held in New Delhi on July 19-20, 2022 and was attended by Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu, Minister of External Affairs, S. Jaishankar, and Minister of Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal along with 40 ministers from 17 countries in Africa. The conclave offered an opportunity to policymakers, bureaucrats, and captains of business and industry to review Indo-African Growth Partnership in perspective. The “CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership” was launched with the support of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MCI) in 2005 and was later rechristened as the “India-Africa Growth Partnership”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 17th “CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India Africa Growth Partnership” – held in New Delhi
- The Partnership launched in 2005 & later named as “India-Africa Growth Partnership”
- HQs of EXIM Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD – Harsha Bangari | Founded in – 1982
- HQs of CII – New Delhi | President – Sanjiv Bajaj | VC – Sanjiv Puri | DG – Chandrajit Banerjee | Founded in – 1895

24. On July 19, the 13th Petersberg Climate Dialogue was held in Berlin, Germany. This two-day informal ministerial meet was chaired by Germany and Egypt. The informal ministerial meet proposes to build consensus and provide political direction to resolve divergences aimed at improving implementation of climate action, the core goal of COP-27. Moreover, Egypt is the host of this year’s Annual Climate Meet (COP-27). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 13th Petersberg Climate Dialogue – held in Berlin, Germany (chaired by – Germany & Egypt)
- Egypt is the host of COP-27

25. On July 22, at the 52nd “Director-General Level Border Co-ordination Conference” held in Dhaka between India and Bangladesh, the two sides agreed for time and place-specific joint operations and patrolling to curb trans-border crimes and strengthen mutual trust and harmony among the forces. Both sides highlighted the importance of Coordinated Border Management Plan (CBMP) in curbing contraband smuggling, such as narcotics, firearms, fake Indian rupee notes, and gold. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 52nd “Director-General Level Border Co-ordination Conference” between India & Bangladesh – held in Dhaka
- Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid



26. On July 22, Telangana Minister for Information Technology KT Rama Rao launched the poster for “Intinta Innovator Exhibition 2022” along with 10 rural innovators. The 4th edition of the exhibition was organised by Telangana State Innovation Cell across 33 districts of the state as a part of Independence Day Celebrations 2022. The program aims to scout for individuals who devised innovative solutions for problems they identified in society and enable them to exhibit their innovation to respective District Collectors on August 15, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- KT Rama Rao (Telangana Minister for IT) – launched the poster for “Intinta Innovator Exhibition 2022” (4th edition)
- The exhibition was organised by – Telangana State Innovation Cell
- [Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan](#)

27. On July 24, the CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (CSIR-NIIST), Thiruvananthapuram, hosted an “International Conference on Chemistry and Applications of Soft Materials (CASM 2022)” in Kerala’s Thiruvananthapuram, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations to mark 75th year of Independence. Renowned scientist T. Pradeep from IIT Madras, inaugurated the event. The conference provided the right platform for scientists and students to exchange ideas and forge new collaborations in the area of soft materials. [{Read more}](#).

Key Points:

- CSIR-NIIST ([Thiruvananthapuram](#)) – hosted an “International Conference on Chemistry & Applications of Soft Materials (CASM 2022)” in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- T. Pradeep ([IIT Madras](#)) – inaugurated the event
- [HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | DG – Shekhar C. Mande | Established in – 1942](#)

28. On July 27, Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya chaired a seminar on “Safe Use of Chemicals at Workplace”. The seminar was organised by Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC) and International Labour Organisation (ILO). Moreover, an MoU was signed between DCPC and ILO for adopting the International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSCs). The ICSCs will be used by the department to disseminate the appropriate hazard information on chemicals at the workplace in an comprehensible and easy manner. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya – chaired a seminar on “Safe Use of Chemicals at Workplace” – organised by DCPC & ILO
- DCPC + ILO = an MoU for adopting the International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSCs)
- [HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder | DG – Gilbert Houngbo \(from Oct 1, 2022\) | Founded in – 1919](#)

29. On July 31, Union Shipping Minister Sarbanand Sonowal and Minister of State for Shipping Shripad Naik inaugurated the “Chabahar Day Conference” in Mumbai. Dignitaries from Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Afghanistan were present on the occasion. The port will also be part of the International North South Transport Corridor network connecting India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sarbanand Sonowal & Shripad Naik – inaugurated the “Chabahar Day Conference” in Mumbai
- Chabahar port – located in Iran
- [Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways: Sarbananda Sonowal | Constituency – Majuli, Assam](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways: Shripad Yesso Naik & Shantanu Thakur](#)

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

1. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, released the 'Assessment Report of States/UTs' under the 5th "Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP), 2020" in New Delhi. BRAP 2020 includes 301 reform points that cover 15 business regulatory areas such as Access to Information, Single Window System, Labour, Environment, Sectoral Reforms, etc. Sectoral reforms have been introduced for the first time in BRAP 2020. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has been releasing since 2014. Top Achievers category in 'BRAP 2020' include - Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Punjab and Telangana. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – released 'Assessment Report of States/UTs' under 5th "Business Reforms Action Plan, 2020"
- 'BRAP 2020' includes 301 reform points that cover 15 business regulatory areas
- Top Achievers category in 'BRAP 2020' include: AP, Karnataka, Gujarat, TN, Haryana, Punjab & Telangana
- **Ministry of Finance:** Nirmala Sitharaman | **Constituency –** Karnataka
- **MoS in Ministry of Finance:** Pankaj Chowdhary & Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad

2. On July 2, NITI Aayog released "Mitigation and Management of COVID-19", a compendium of Ayush-based practices from States & UTs, detailing information about various Ayush-based initiatives and practices adopted by the States & UTs in India for containing and managing the COVID-19 outbreak. The compendium was released by Suman Bery, Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog. The practices in the compendium have been disaggregated under 5 sections: (i) Overview and objectives of practices adopted by the States/UTs, (ii) Ayush Human Resource and infrastructure, (iii) Interventions and Initiatives, (iv) Digital Platform and Tele-medicine, (v) Issues occurred or addressed. The compendium has also included a summary of the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India guidelines, and initiatives. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Mitigation and Management of COVID-19" compendium – released by Suman Bery (VC, NITI Aayog)
- **HQs of NITI Aayog –** New Delhi | **CEO –** Parmameswaran Iyer | **Chairperson –** Narendra Modi | **VC –** Suman Bery

3. On July 7, Forbes released the 8th "Annual List of America's Richest Self-made Women" which included 5 Indian-origin entrepreneurs - Jayshree V. Ullal (President & CEO of Arista Networks) ranked 15th, Neerja Sethi (Co-founder of Syntel) ranked 24th, Neha Narkhede (Co-founder & former CTO of Confluent) ranked 57th, Indra Nooyi (Former PepsiCo CEO) ranked 85th, and Reshma Shetty (Co-founder of Ginkgo Bioworks) ranked 97th. Among Indian-origin entrepreneurs, Jayshree topped with the net worth of around \$1.9 billion. Diane Hendricks (Co-founder & Chairman of ABC Supply) ranked No. 1 with the net worth of \$12.2 billion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 8th "Annual List of America's Richest Self-made Women" – released by Forbes (No. 1 – Diane Hendricks of the US)
- 5 Indian-origin Entrepreneurs:
 - Jayshree V. Ullal (President & CEO of Arista Networks) ranked 15th
 - Neerja Sethi (Co-founder of Syntel) ranked 24th
 - Neha Narkhede (Co-founder & former CTO of Confluent) ranked 57th
 - Indra Nooyi (Former PepsiCo CEO) ranked 85th
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4. On July 2, the RBI released a report on “Benchmarking India’s Payment Systems” which provides a comparative position of the payments ecosystem in India relative to other major countries. The benchmarking exercise undertaken with respect to the position in 2020 revealed that there is a need to enhance the spread of ATMs and point of sale (PoS) terminals. The number of PoS terminals in India increased to 4.59 million in 2020 from 3.08 million in 2017. India’s performance in terms of currency in circulation (CIC) per capita rose to \$288 in 2020 from \$218 in 2017. Out of the 40 indicators used in the exercise, India was categorised as a ‘leader’ or ‘strong’ in respect of 25, up from 21 in the previous round of the exercise, and ‘weak’ in respect of 8 indicators, down from 12 earlier. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Benchmarking India’s Payment Systems” report – released by RBI
- The number of PoS terminals in India increased to – 4.59 million in 2020 (from 3.08 million in 2017)
- India’s performance in terms of currency in circulation (CIC) per capita rose to – \$288 in 2020 (from \$218 in 2017)
- Out of the 40 indicators: India – categorised as a ‘leader’ or ‘strong’ in respect of 25 & ‘weak’ in respect of 8 indicators
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

5. On July 4, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal released the results of the 3rd edition of the “Ranking of States on Support to Startup Ecosystems” in New Delhi. For the purpose of the Ranking, States and Union Territories are classified into 5 Categories, viz. Best Performers, Top Performers, Leaders, Aspiring Leaders and Emerging Start-up Ecosystems. Gujarat and Karnataka emerged as the Best Performers in Category A, and Meghalaya in Category B. Maharashtra was felicitated as a ‘Top Performer’ State along with Telangana, Kerala and Odisha in Category A, and Jammu & Kashmir in Category B. Assam, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh were felicitated as ‘Leaders’ in Category A. While Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh & Rajasthan were named ‘Aspiring Leaders’ in Category A. Andhra Pradesh & Bihar emerged as ‘Emerging Startup Ecosystems’ in Category A. The participants are evaluated across 7 broad Reform Areas consisting of 26 Action Points. The DPIIT has been conducting the States’ Start-up Ranking Exercise since 2018. India has become the 3rd largest start-up ecosystem in the world after the US and China. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal – released the results of the 3rd edition of the “Ranking of States on Support to Startup Ecosystems”
- Best Performers: Category A – Gujarat & Karnataka | Category B – Meghalaya
- Top Performers: Category A – Telangana, Kerala & Odisha | Category B – Jammu & Kashmir
- Leaders: Category A – Assam, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand & Uttar Pradesh
- Aspiring Leaders: Category A – Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh & Rajasthan
- Emerging Startup Ecosystems: Category A – Andhra Pradesh & Bihar
- DPIIT has been conducting the ‘States’ Start-up Ranking Exercise’ since 2018
- India – 3rd largest start-up ecosystem in the world, after US & China

6. NITI Aayog, in its report titled “Alternative Products and Technologies to Plastics and their Applications”, suggested providing for a relaxation period for adoption of biodegradable plastics. As per the report, India collects only 60% of its plastic waste with the rest 40% remains uncollected and enters the environment directly as waste. India produces 3.47 million tonnes of plastics waste per annum, as per the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) report, with the per capita waste growing from 700 grams to 2,500 grams over the last 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Alternative Products and Technologies to Plastics and their Applications” report – released by NITI Aayog
- India collects only 60% of its plastic waste & 40% remains uncollected
- As per the CPCB report: India produces 3.47 MT of plastics waste per annum
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Parmameswaran Iyer | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Suman Bery



7. On July 5, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Piyush Goyal released the 1st edition of the “State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act (NFSA)”. Odisha has been adjudged the top ranked State followed by Uttar Pradesh at the 2nd spot and Andhra Pradesh at third amongst the General Category States. Among the Special Category states/UTs, Tripura stood first followed by Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal – released the 1st edition of the “State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act (NFSA)”
- General Category states: 1st – Odisha | 2nd – UP | 3rd – Andhra Pradesh
- Special Category states/UTs: 1st – Tripura | 2nd – Himachal Pradesh | 3rd – Sikkim

8. World Bank released a report titled “The Global Findex Database 2021: Financial Inclusion, Digital Payments, and Resilience in the Age of COVID-19”. The report surveyed how people in 123 economies used financial services throughout 2021. As per the report, India is among seven countries home to half of the world’s 1.4 billion adults without access to formal banking. Large shares of the global population without formal banking (130 million and 230 million, respectively) lives in India and China because of their size. Overall, 24% of adults are unbanked globally. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- India is among 7 countries home to half of the world’s 1.4 billion adults without access to formal banking
- Overall, 24% of adults are unbanked globally
- Largest share of the global population without formal banking – China | 2nd – India
- [HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., US](#) | [Members – 189](#) | [President – David Malpass](#) | [MD & CFO – Anshula Kant](#)

9. Indian-American Jayshree Ullal, CEO of Arista Networks & a member of the Board of Directors of Snowflake, was ranked near the top of Forbes’ 8th annual list of “America’s Richest Self-Made Women”, at 15th position with a net worth of \$1.7 billion as of May 2022. Other notable Indian-Americans on the list include Neerja Sethi (co-founder of Syntel) at 24th rank, Neha Narkhede (co-founder & former CTO of Confluent) at 57th rank, Indra Nooyi (former PepsiCo CEO) at 85th rank and Reshma Shetty (co-founder of Ginkgo Bioworks) at 97th rank. Diane Hendricks (co-founder & chairman of ABC Supply) topped the list for the 5th year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian-Americans on the Forbes’ 8th annual list of “America’s Richest Self-Made Women”:
 - 15th – Jayshree Ullal (Arista Networks)
 - 24th – Neerja Sethi (Syntel)
 - 57th – Neha Narkhede (Confluent)
 - 85th – Indra Nooyi (PepsiCo)
 - 97th – Reshma Shetty (Ginkgo Bioworks)
- Top – Diane Hendricks (ABC Supply)



10. The “State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World - 2022” report was jointly released by five UN Agencies - the FAO, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the UNICEF, the WFP & the WHO. As per the report, the number of undernourished people in India declined to 224.3 million in 2019-2021. The number of people affected by hunger globally rose to as many as 828 million in 2021, an increase of about 46 million since 2020. The number of children under 5 years of age who are stunted declined to 36.1 million in 2020. In percentage terms, the prevalence of undernourishment in the total population in India declined to 16.3% in 2019-21, the prevalence of stunting in children Under-5 years of age declined to 30.9% in 2020 and the prevalence of overweight children under 5 years of age was 1.9% in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FAO + IFAD + UNICEF + WFP + WHO = released report titled “State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World - 2022”
- The number of people affected by hunger globally in 2021 rose to as many as 828 million
- In India, undernourished people declined to 16.3% in 2019-2021
- In India, prevalence of stunting in children under 5 years of age declined to 30.9% in 2020
- In India, prevalence of overweight children under 5 years of age was 1.9% in 2020
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16th October, 1945
- HQs of IFAD – Rome, Italy | Presidents – Gilbert F. Hougbo

11. Geo-political conflicts and the COVID-19 pandemic has put the 17 sustainable development goals of United Nations in jeopardy, according to a UN report titled the “Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022” released on July 8. As per the report, the combined crisis led to an additional 75 million to 95 million people living in extreme poverty in 2022, compared with pre-pandemic projections. 93 million people worldwide were pushed into extreme poverty in 2020. The report also said, in 2021, an estimated 17 million metric tons of plastic entered the world’s ocean and the volume of plastic pollution entering the ocean is expected to double or triple by 2040. Energy-related CO₂ emissions for 2021 rose by 6%, reaching the highest level ever. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022” report released by – UN
- According to the report:
 - The crisis led to an additional 75 million to 95 million people living in extreme poverty in 2022
 - The Crisis put the 17 SDGs of United Nations in jeopardy
 - Volume of plastic pollution entering the ocean is expected to double or triple by 2040
 - Energy-related CO₂ emissions for 2021 rose by 6% (highest level ever)
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945

12. Cannabis legalization in parts of the world appears to have accelerated daily use and related health impacts, according to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)’s “World Drug Report 2022”. According to the report, around 284 million people aged 15-64 used drugs worldwide in 2020, a 26% increase over the previous decade. Globally, the report estimates that 11.2 million people worldwide were injecting drugs. [{Read more}](#)

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- As per the report:
 - Around 284 million people aged 15-64 used drugs worldwide in 2020 (26% increase over the previous decade)
 - 11.2 million people worldwide were injecting drugs
- HQs of UNODC – Vienna, Austria | Director-General – Ghada Fathi Waly



13. On July 7, Ministry of Rural Development released the delta ranking of “Syama Prasad Mookerjee Rurban Mission (SPMRM)” for the month of June, in which Jharkhand ranked first across India in the delta ranking and earned 8th place in overall ranking with composite score of 76.19 in the month of June, 2022. With this, the state has improved its position to 8th place in overall ranking of the mission. In the delta ranking, the state improved its score by 1.93 compared to May. The central government had launched the mission in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoRD – released the delta ranking of “Syama Prasad Mookerjee Rurban Mission (SPMRM)” for June
- Jharkhand – ranked first across India in the delta ranking & earned 8th place in overall ranking (Score - 76.19)
- [Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Ramesh Bais](#)

14. On July 5, India’s Unemployment rate rose to 7.80% in June with the loss of 13 million jobs, mainly in the Agriculture sector, according to the data released by economic think-tank Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). Unemployment rate in rural areas went up to 8.03% from 6.62% in May. In urban areas, it was slightly better at 7.30% compared to 7.12% recorded in May. The highest rate of unemployment was witnessed in Haryana at 30.6%, followed by Rajasthan at 29.8% & Assam at 17.2%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CMIE data: India’s Unemployment rate in June – 7.80% (8.03% in rural & 7.30% in urban)
- Highest rate of unemployment – in Haryana at 30.6% | Followed by Rajasthan (29.8%), Assam (17.2%)
- [Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya](#)

15. India is the only economy among the top 10 leading economies which has shown consistent improvement in its macroeconomic performance during the last 4 years. In the ranking of International Economic Resilience (IER) of the Top 10 Countries, India has consistently improved its position from 6th position in 2019 to 3rd position in 2021 and is 2nd in 2022, according to data released by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) in its report “Pre and Post COVID Economic Dynamics of Leading Economies”. As per report, Germany and Canada both have gained the first rank in the IER. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Pre and Post COVID Economic Dynamics of Leading Economies” report – released by PHDCCI
- India’s position in IER rankings: 2019 – 6th | 2021 – 3rd | 2022 – 2nd | First position – Germany & Canada
- India – the only economy to have shown consistent improvement in its macroeconomic performance during last 4 years
- [HQs of PHDCCI – New Delhi | President – Pradeep Multani](#)

16. According to the “World Population Prospects 2022” released by the United Nations, the global population is projected to reach 8 billion by November 15, 2022. The latest projections by the United Nations suggest that the world’s population could grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030 and 9.7 billion in 2050. According to the report, India’s population stands at 1.412 billion in 2022, compared to China’s 1.426 billion. India is projected to surpass China as the world’s most populous country during 2023. India is projected to have a population of 1.668 billion in 2050. Global life expectancy at birth reached 72.8 years in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

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- “World Population Prospects 2022” – released by the United Nations
- Global population is projected to reach 8 billion by Nov 15, 2022, 8.5 billion by 2030, 9.7 billion by 2050
- India (1.412 billion in 2022) – is projected to surpass China (1.426 billion) as the world’s most populous country in 2023
- Global life expectancy at birth in 2019 – 72.8 years



17. India ranks 135 among a total of 146 countries in the World Economic Forum (WEF)'s "Global Gender Gap Index 2022" and is the worst performer in the world in the "Health and Survival Sub-Index" where it is ranked 146. India also ranks poorly among its neighbours and is behind Bangladesh (71), Nepal (96), Sri Lanka (110), Maldives (117) and Bhutan (126). The report notes that India's score of 0.629 was its seventh-highest score in the last 16 years. Iceland (90.8%) is leading the global ranking, followed by Finland (86%, 2nd) & Norway (84.5%, 3rd). In 2021, India ranked 140 out of a total 156 countries on the index. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WEF's "Global Gender Gap Index 2022": India – 135th (0.629) | 1st – Iceland (90.8%), 2nd – Finland, 3rd – Norway
- "Health and Survival Sub-Index": India – 146th (last)

18. The total youth population in India increased from 222.7 million in 1991 to 333.4 million in 2011 and is projected to reach 371.4 million by 2021 and thereafter decrease to 345.5 million by 2036, according to the "Youth in India 2022" report released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI). Proportion of youth to total population of India had increased from 26.6% in 1991 to 27.9% in 2016 and then declined, and would reach 22.7% by 2036. The persons between the age group of 15 and 29 years are considered youth while people aged 60 and above are elderly. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Youth in India 2022" report – released by MoSPI
- Total youth population in India: 222.7 million in 1991, 333.4 million in 2011 & 371.4 million by 2021 (estimated)

19. On July 15, Union Minister Education, Dharmendra Pradhan released the "India Rankings 2022 - Ranking of Higher Educational Institutions on Performance", prepared by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). The NIRF was launched in November 2015 by the Ministry of Education. Five broad categories of parameters are - Teaching, Learning & Resources, Research & Professional Practice, Graduation Outcomes, Outreach & Inclusivity and Perception. IIT Madras retains its 1st position in 'Overall Category' for 4th consecutive year and in 'Engineering' for 7th consecutive year. IISc, Bengaluru tops the 'Universities Category' for 7th consecutive year. It stood first in 'Research Institutions Category' for 2nd consecutive year. IIM Ahmedabad tops in 'Management' subject retaining its 1st position for 3rd consecutive year. AIIMS, New Delhi occupied 1st position in 'Medical' for the 5th consecutive year. IIT Roorkee stood at 1st position in 'Architecture' subject for 2nd consecutive year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "India Rankings 2022 - Ranking of Higher Educational Institutions on Performance" – prepared by NIRF
- Top Institutions in NIRF Ranking in various categories are:
 - Overall Category – IIT Madras (4th consecutive year)
 - Engineering Category – IIT Madras (7th consecutive year)
 - Universities Category – IISc, Bengaluru (7th consecutive year)
 - Research Institutions Category – IISc, Bengaluru (2nd consecutive year)
 - Management Category – IIM Ahmedabad (3rd consecutive year)
 - Medical Category – AIIMS, New Delhi (5th consecutive year)
 - Architecture Category – IIT Roorkee (2nd consecutive year)
- The NIRF was launched by Ministry of Education in November 2015
- [Ministry of Education: Dharmendra Pradhan](#) | [Constituency – Madhya Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Education: Subhas Sarkar](#)



20. On July 15, the TIME Magazine has listed Gujarat's Ahmedabad & Kerala among 50 extraordinary destinations to explore, in its first list of the "World's Greatest Places of 2022". Ahmedabad is India's first UNESCO World Heritage City. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 1st list of the "World's Greatest Places of 2022" – by TIME Magazine
- Ahmedabad + Kerala = listed among 50 extraordinary destinations to explore
- Ahmedabad – India's first UNESCO World Heritage City
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

21. On July 15, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) bagged the first spot under the 'Central Ministries Portal' in a "National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment" conducted by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG). The Digital Police portal of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) was placed second under the 'Central Ministry Services Portal' in the assessment. The assessment was conducted by the DARPG in association with NASSCOM and KPMG. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment" conducted by = DARPG + NASSCOM + KPMG
- Ministry of Home Affairs – got first spot under the 'Central Ministries Portal'
- Digital Police portal of NCRB – placed second under the 'Central Ministry Services Portal'
- Ministry of Home Affairs: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Home Affairs: Nityanand Rai, Ajay Kumar & Nisith Pramanik

22. The impact of inflation on India's poor would be negligible as per the United Nations Development Programme's report titled "Addressing the Cost of Living Crisis in Developing Countries" released in July 2022. While rising Food & Energy prices can push up to 71 million people around the world into poverty, as per the report. The report also looked at the ripple effects of the Russia-Ukraine war such as energy and food market disruptions. The UNDP estimates that 51.6 million more people fell into poverty in the first 3 months after the war, living off \$1.90 a day or less. This pushed the total number globally at this threshold to 9% of the world's population. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Addressing the Cost of Living Crisis in Developing Countries" report – released by UNDP
- Rising Food & Energy prices can push up to 71 million people around the world into poverty
- UNDP estimates that 51.6 million more people fell into poverty in the first 3 months after the Russia-Ukraine war
- HQs of UNDP – New York, US | Administrator – Achim Steiner | Founded in – 1965

23. On July 12, the World Health Organization's Science Council issued its first report on "Accelerating Access to Genomics for Global Health". According to the report, access to genomic technologies needs to be expanded, especially for low- and middle-income countries (LMIC). The Science Council, established in April 2021, comprises of 9 leading scientists and public health experts from around the world. The report recommended addressing four themes: Advocacy, Implementation, Collaboration, and associated Ethical, Legal & Social Issues. The report also recommended WHO to create a Genomics Committee to take forward the recommendations and monitor their applications. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- WHO's Science Council – issued its first report on “Accelerating Access to Genomics for Global Health”
- 4 themes: Advocacy, Implementation, Collaboration, and associated Ethical, Legal & Social Issues
- [HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland](#) | [DG – Tedros Adhanom](#) | [Member Countries – 194](#) | [Founded in – 1948](#)

24. On July 15, Adani Group chief Gautam Adani became the world's 4th richest person with a net worth of \$112.9 billion, surpassing Microsoft cofounder Bill Gates (\$102 billion), according to Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List. The rankings of billionaires shuffled after Microsoft founder Bill Gates last week announced \$20 billion donation of his wealth to his non-profit organisation - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Reliance Group Chairman, Mukesh Ambani, with a net worth of \$90.1 billion, was placed at 10th on the Forbes list. Elon Musk topped the list with \$230 billion net worth, followed by Bernard Arnault & Jeff Bezos. While on July 21, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Indian billionaire Gautam Adani displaced Bill Gates to become the world's 4th-richest person. Adani's net worth surged to \$112.5 billion. Reliance chairman Mukesh Ambani ranked 10th with about \$90 billion wealth in Bloomberg Billionaires Index. Only three people were richer than Adani: Tesla chief Elon Musk (\$252. 2 billion net worth), Louis Vuitton CEO Bernard Arnault (\$156. 5 billion), and Amazon founder Jeff Bezos (\$149. 9 billion). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List' – released on July 15
 - 1st - Elon Musk, 2nd - Bernard Arnault, 3rd - Jeff Bezos, 4th - Gautam Adani, 5th - Bill Gates | Mukesh Ambani - 10th
- 'Bloomberg Billionaires Index' – released on July 21
 - 1st - Elon Musk, 2nd - Bernard Arnault, 3rd - Jeff Bezos, 4th - Gautam Adani, 5th - Bill Gates | Mukesh Ambani - 10th

25. On July 18, Mexico topped the “Expat Insider Rankings for 2022”, which was released by the InterNations. Mexico was followed by Indonesia & Taiwan. According to the survey of InterNations, expats in Mexico are happy with their personal finance and the ease of settling in. India was ranked on 36th position out of the 52 countries on the list, with a high affordability score. However, India was rated as the world's worst in terms of air quality, second-worst in the environment, and travel and transit facilities. China was placed at the 33rd position. Expat is a person who lives outside his/her native country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Expat Insider Rankings for 2022” – released by the InterNations
- Among 52 countries: 1st - Mexico | 2nd - Indonesia | 3rd - Taiwan | India - 36th
- Expat is a person who lives outside his/her native country

26. As of July 2022, Tamil Nadu topped the list of states in utilisation of funds under the government's flagship Smart City Mission (SCM). Tamil Nadu has spent over Rs 3,932 Cr out of the Rs 4,333 Cr released by the Central government, followed by Uttar Pradesh at second position. The Central government launched the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) on 25 June, 2015. As per SCM guidelines, the Central government will provide financial support to the extent of Rs 48,000 Cr over 5 years which is on an average Rs 100 Cr per city per year. As on 8 July 2022, the Centre has released Rs 30,751.41 Cr for 100 smart cities, out of which Rs 27,610.34 Cr (90%) has been utilised. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – topped the list of states in utilisation of funds under 'Smart City Mission' | 2nd – UP (As of July 2022)
- TN – spent over Rs 3,932 Cr out of the Rs 4,333 Cr
- Smart Cities Mission (SCM) was launched on 25 June, 2015
- For SCM, Central government will provide Rs 48,000 Cr over 5 years (on an average Rs 100 Cr per city per year)
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai](#) | [CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin](#) | [Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi](#)



27. India, along with Mauritania and Tajikistan, ranked 87th globally out of 199 passports in the “Henley Passport Index 2022”, which ranks world’s passports according to the number of destinations their holder can access without a prior visa. India has hassle-free access to 60 countries. The index is based on exclusive data from the International Air Transport Association (IATA). Japan topped the index with hassle-free access to 193 countries, followed by Singapore and South Korea both on second spot. Germany & Spain ranked the third. Afghanistan was at the bottom of the index with hassle-free access to only 27 countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Henley Passport Index 2022”: Topped by – Japan | India – 87th (shared with Mauritania & Tajikistan)
- 2nd – Singapore & South Korea | 3rd – Germany & Spain
- HQs of IATA – Montreal, Canada | DG – Willie Walsh

28. As on July 2022, as per the report “Basic Road Statistics in India-2018-19”, India had a road network of over 63,31,757 km as of March 31, 2019, which is the second largest in the world. Rural roads constituted 71.4% of the total road network in India and its length rose to 45,22,228 km on March 31, 2019. According to the report, Maharashtra has the largest network of national highways with 17,757 km (13.4%), followed by Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan with 11,737 km (8.9%) and 10,342 km (7.8%), respectively, as of March 31, 2019. Maharashtra also has the largest State Highways network & Rural Roads network. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Basic Road Statistics in India-2018-19”:
- India had a road network of over 63,31,757 km as of March 31, 2019 (the 2nd largest in the world)
- Rural roads constituted 71.4% (45,22,228 km) of the total road network in India
- Maharashtra – has the largest network of National Highways with 17,757 km (13.4%) | 2nd – UP, 3rd – Rajasthan
- Maharashtra – also has the largest State Highways network & Rural Roads network

29. India’s bioeconomy is estimated to reach USD 150 billion by 2025 and over USD 300 billion by 2030, according to the “India Bioeconomy Report 2022” released on July 20 by the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC). The report is based on the data on biotech sector’s contribution to the Economy. India’s bioeconomy reached over USD 80 billion in 2021, registering a 14.1% growth over USD 70.2 billion in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “India Bioeconomy Report 2022” – released by BIRAC
- As per the report: India’s bioeconomy is estimated to reach USD 150 billion by 2025 & over USD 300 billion by 2030
- India’s bioeconomy reached over USD 80 billion in 2021 (14.1% growth over USD 70.2 billion in 2020)

30. On July 21, NITI Aayog released a report titled “Digital Banks: A Proposal for Licensing & Regulatory Regime for India”. The report was released by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery and CEO Parameswaran Iyer and Senior Adviser Anna Roy. The report aims to cement India’s place as a trailblazer in Fintech Industry. It focuses on avoiding any regulatory or policy arbitrage and offers a level playing field to incumbents as well as competitors. As per the report, Digital Business Bank may require to bring in Rs 20 Crore of minimum paid up capital. [{Read more}](#)

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- “Digital Banks: A Proposal for Licensing & Regulatory Regime for India” report – released by NITI Aayog
- As per the report, Digital Business Bank may require to bring in Rs 20 Crore of minimum paid up capital
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Parmameswaran Iyer | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Suman Bery



31. According to a new report by the International Energy Agency (IEA), China will be responsible for 95% of the entire manufacturing process of the globe's Solar Photovoltaic (PV) panels by 2025. China currently manufactures and supplies more than 80% of the globe's solar photovoltaic (PV) panels. The report identifies cost factor as the major reason deterring other countries from entering the supply chain. In terms of labour, overheads and the entire manufacturing process, China's costs are 10% lower compared to India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IEA: China will be responsible for 95% of the globe's Solar Photovoltaic (PV) panels manufacturing process by 2025
- China currently manufactures & supplies more than 80% of the globe's solar PV panels
- HQs of IEA – Paris, France | Executive Director – Dr. Fatih Birol | Member countries – 30

32. On July 21, NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman, Suman Bery released the 3rd edition of the “India Innovation Index 2021”. The 1st and 2nd editions were launched in October, 2019 and January, 2021, respectively. The report was published in collaboration with the Institute for Competitiveness, India. The report determines innovation capacities and ecosystems at the sub-national level. Karnataka bagged the top rank under the Major States category, followed by Telangana & Haryana. Manipur topped under the ‘North East & Hill States’ category and Chandigarh topped under the ‘Union Territories & City States’ category. As per the index, the Gross Domestic Expenditure on R&D (2017-18) in India was 0.7%. The World's average GERD is around 1.8%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 3rd edition of the “India Innovation Index 2021” – released by NITI Aayog & Institute for Competitiveness
- Top: Karnataka (Major States) | Manipur (North East & Hill States) | Chandigarh (UTs & City States)
- India's Gross Domestic Expenditure on R&D (2017-18) – 0.7% | World's average GERD – 1.8%

33. As on July 21, on behalf of partner economies including India, the US released a “Joint Statement of the 2022 Supply Chain Ministerial Forum”, focussing on the global challenge which includes - COVID-19 pandemic, Wars & Conflicts and Climate Change. According to the statement, for building collective long-term resilient supply chains based on international partnerships, all the partner countries aimed to follow various global supply chain principles including transparency, diversification, security and sustainability. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Joint Statement of the 2022 Supply Chain Ministerial Forum” – released by the US
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

34. On July 21, according to the data provided by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in Lok Sabha during Question Hour, incidents of Naxal violence or Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) violence in India have dropped by 77% from 2,258 in 2009 to 509 in 2021. Similarly, the resultant deaths (civilians + security forces) have reduced by 85% from all-time high of 1,005 in 2010 to 147 in 2021. However, Naxal problem continues to rise in Chhattisgarh even as it appears to be declining in other states. In 2021, Chhattisgarh accounted for 90% (45 out of 50) of all security personnel deaths in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Naxal violence or Left-Wing Extremism violence in India dropped by 77% – to 509 in 2021 (from 2,258 in 2009)
- Resultant deaths (civilians + security forces) – reduced by 85% from all-time high of 1,005 in 2010 to 147 in 2021
- Chhattisgarh – accounted for 90% (45 out of 50) of all security personnel deaths due to Naxal violence in India in 2021
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey



35. India received 87 billion dollars in remittances in 2021, the top remittance recipient, and way ahead of countries like China and Mexico, according to a World Health Organisation's "World Report on the Health of Refugees and Migrants". As per the report, about 1 in 8 people in the world, some 1 billion, are migrants. In 2021, the top five remittance recipients in current US dollars were India, China, Mexico, the Philippines and Egypt. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "World Report on the Health of Refugees & Migrants" report – released by WHO
- The top 5 remittance recipients countries in 2021: India (\$87 billion), China, Mexico, Philippines & Egypt
- [HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland](#) | [DG – Tedros Adhanom](#) | [Member Countries – 194](#) | [Founded in – 1948](#)

36. As on July 2022, Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) company Marico's Managing Director & CEO, Saugata Gupta emerged as the highest-paid CEO in the FMCG segment as his total pay package in FY 2022 witnessed a significant rise of 157% from ₹14.03 Cr in FY21 to ₹36.1 Cr in FY22. Gupta is followed by Hindustan Unilever Limited's (HUL) CEO & MD Sanjiv Mehta (₹22 Cr), and Nestle India's MD Suresh Narayanan (₹18.80 Cr). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Saugata Gupta ([MD & CEO of Marico](#)) – emerged as the highest-paid CEO in the FMCG segment in FY 2022
- 2nd – [Sanjiv Mehta \(MD & CEO of HUL\)](#) | 3rd – [Suresh Narayanan \(MD & CEO of Nestle\)](#)

37. India has ranked 101st among the 116 countries on the "Global Hunger Index 2021", showing the level of hunger in India as "Serious". The ranking was released in October 2021. 18 countries, including China, Brazil & Kuwait, shared the top rank, with GHI scores of less than 5. While Somalia had the highest level of hunger with a score of 50.8. However, the central government has rejected India's ranking on Global Hunger Index, saying it was "flawed". India's 2021 GHI score was 27.5. The score ranging between 20 to 34.9 is considered to be 'serious'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central government – rejected India's ranking on 'Global Hunger Index 2021', saying it was "flawed"
- "Global Hunger Index 2021" (released in Oct 2021): India – 101st (score - 27.5)
- India's level of hunger is considered to be 'Serious'

38. India lost 329 tigers in the last 3 years (96 tigers died in 2019, 106 in 2020 and 127 in 2021) due to poaching, natural and unnatural causes, according to the data presented by the Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate in July 2022. According to the data presented by the ministry, 125 people have been killed in "tiger attacks" in this period. Besides, as many as 307 Elephants have also died in this period due to poaching, electrocution, poisoning and train accidents. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- As per the data presented by the Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate in July 2022:
 - India lost 329 tigers in the last 3 years due to poaching, natural & unnatural causes
 - 125 people have been killed in tiger attacks from 2019 to 2021
 - 307 Elephants have also died in this period due to poaching, electrocution, poisoning & train accidents
- [Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Bhupender Yadav](#) | [Constituency – Rajasthan](#)
- [MoS in Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Ashwini Kumar Choubey](#)



39. In July 2022, the Andhra Pradesh State Wildlife Department started the first-ever “Survey of Blackbucks” along a stretch of islands in the Godavari between Dowleswaram and Yanam with the aim of drawing up a conservation plan to protect the endangered species. Hunting of the blackbuck attracts penal action under Schedule-1 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – launched the first-ever Blackbuck Survey on Godavari islands
- Hunting of the blackbuck attracts penal action under Schedule-1 of the ‘Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972’
- [Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati | CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan](#)

40. The growth of global Electricity demand is falling sharply in 2022 from its strong recovery in 2021 due to slower economic growth, according to the “Electricity Market Report” released by the International Energy Agency (IEA). Global electricity demand is seen rising by 2.4% in 2022, down from a 6% rise in 2021. Demand growth in Asia-Pacific is seen at 3.4% in 2022. Moreover, the IEA has revised upwards India’s annual Electricity demand from 6% in 2021 to 7% in 2022 due to exceptionally high summer temperatures, leading to a significant surge in consumption. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Electricity Market Report” – released by IEA
- Global electricity demand is rising by 2.4% in 2022 (from 6% in 2021) | Demand growth in Asia-Pacific in 2022 – 3.4%
- IEA revised: India’s annual Electricity demand in 2022 – 7% (from 6% in 2021)
- [HQs of IEA – Paris, France | Executive Director – Dr. Fatih Birol | Member countries – 30](#)

41. Delhi’s Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) bagged the 13th spot on the “List of the World’s Top 20 Busiest Airports for the full Year 2021”, published by Airports Council International (ACI) World. Delhi Airport accommodated 37.14 million passengers in 2021, an increase of 30.3% from 2020. Passenger traffic across the world’s airports increased to 4.6 billion in 2021, up by 28.3% from 2020 levels. With 75.7 million passengers, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (Georgia, US) is back on the top of the 2021 rankings, followed by Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (Texas, US) and Denver International Airport (Colorado, US). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “List of the World’s Top 20 Busiest Airports for 2021” – published by ACI World
- Indira Gandhi International Airport – 13th spot | Top – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport ([Georgia, US](#))
- [HQs of ACI – Montreal, Canada | DG – Luis Felipe de Oliveira](#)

42. On July 27, Roshni Nadar Malhotra, the chairperson of HCL Technologies, has retained the tag of the richest woman in India for the second year in a row, according to the 3rd edition of “Kotak Private Banking Hurun - Leading Wealthy Women List”. Roshni Nadar, with total wealth of Rs 84,330 Cr, was followed by Nykaa-owner Falguni Nayar (Rs 57,520 Cr), and Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw of Biocon (Rs 29,030 Cr). The report highlighted that 25 new women have made it to the list this time. The youngest self-made woman on the list was 33-year-old Kanika Tekriwal of Jetsetgo. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 3rd edition of “Kotak Private Banking Hurun - Leading Wealthy Women List” – released on July 27, 2022
- 1st - Roshni Nadar Malhotra ([HCL Technologies](#)), 2nd - Falguni Nayar ([Nykaa](#)), 3rd - Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw ([Biocon](#))



43. As of July 2022, there are 692 million active internet users in India, and much of the growth continues to be driven by rural India (351 million users with 37% penetration), as urban India seems to have hit a plateau (341 million users with 69% penetration), as per the report titled “Internet in India” released by Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI). The report is jointly prepared by IMAI and Kantar, the world’s leading marketing data and analytics company. The report, which is based on ‘ICUBE 2021’ study, estimates that there will be 900 million internet users in India by 2025. In terms of states, Goa has the maximum internet penetration while Bihar has the lowest. According to the report, currently around 762 million Indians have not adopted the internet yet, out of which 63% are rural Indians. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Internet in India” report – released by IMAI & Kantar (based on ‘ICUBE 2021’ study)
- Active Internet users in India – 692 million (351 million rural + 341 million urban)
- Active Internet users expected in India by 2025 – 900 million
- Goa – has the maximum internet penetration | Lowest – Bihar

44. On July 28, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar launched “The Eleventh Agricultural Census (2021-22)”. Agriculture Census is conducted every 5 years, which is being undertaken now after delay due to corona pandemic. The field work of agricultural census will start in August 2022. On the occasion, Shri Tomar released the Handbook on Operational Guidelines for Census for the use of States/UTs, and launched the Data Collection Portal/App. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – launched “The Eleventh Agricultural Census (2021-22)”
- Agriculture Census is conducted every 5 years (field work will start in August 2022)
- Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Narendra Singh Tomar | Constituency – Morena, Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Shobha Karandlaje & Kailash Choudhary

45. On July 28, Parle Products, with a CRP score of 6,531 million, has topped the rankings for most chosen FMGG brands, according to the 10th edition of annual “Brand Footprint report 2022” released by Kantar India. It is followed by Amul, Britannia, Clinic Plus, and Tata Consumer Products in the latest 2021 report, which ranks the most chosen FMCG brands based on consumer reach points (CRPs). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- Parle Products – topped the rankings for most chosen FMGG brands | Followed by – Amul & Britannia

46. According to the report by Worldline, India recorded 9.36 billion transactions in terms of volume and Rs 10.25 trillion in terms of value, in the first quarter (January-March) of 2022 via various payment modes led by Unified Payment Interface (UPI). The UPI P2M (Person to Merchant) transactions emerged as the most preferred payment mode among consumers with a market share of 64% in volume and 50% in terms of value. Credit cards accounted for 7% of transactions, but 26% of value. As of the first quarter, the top UPI apps in terms of volume were PhonePe, Google Pay and Paytm (94% in terms of volume & 93% in terms of value). While the top remitter banks were State Bank of India, HDFC Bank and Bank of Baroda. Maharashtra is the state with the highest number of transactions at physical touch points. While Hyderabad recorded the highest number of transactions. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Worldline report for Q1 (January-March) of 2022:
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 - Top UPI Apps (in terms of volume): PhonePe, Google Pay & Paytm
 - Top Remitter Banks: SBI, HDFC Bank & Bank of Baroda
 - Maharashtra – recorded the highest number of transactions at physical touch points (among states)
 - Hyderabad – recorded the highest number of transactions (among cities)
- [HQs of Worldline – Bezons, France](#) | [CEO – Gilles Grapinet](#)

47. On July 25, the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) is periodically monitoring the ground water levels throughout India on a regional scale, through a network of monitoring wells. In order to assess the long-term fluctuation in ground water level, the water level data collected by CGWB during November 2021 when compared with November 2011, it indicates that about 70% wells have registered rise in water level whereas, about 30% of the wells monitored have registered decline in ground water level. The Central Government is implementing 'Atal Bhujal Yojana' (Atal Jal), a Rs 6000 Crore Central Sector Scheme with World Bank assistance, for sustainable management of ground water resources in 7 states. Government of India launched 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA)' in 2019 in 256 water stressed districts in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- According to CGWB: about 70% wells have registered rise in ground water level (30% registered decline)
- Govt is implementing a Rs 6000-Crore 'Atal Bhujal Yojana' in 7 states (backed by World Bank)
- Govt also launched 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA)' in 2019

48. According to "Annual Review of State Laws 2021" by Delhi-based PRS Legislative Research, 29 State & Union territory Legislative Assemblies met for an average of only 21 days in 2021. Although 500-plus Bills were passed in this period, the catch was that 44% of them were cleared within a day of their introduction in the House. Like Parliament, an assembly usually meets thrice a year in - Budget, Monsoon and Winter sessions. Education (21%), taxation (12%), local governance (10%), and land and law & order (4% each) were the main categories of the Bills passed by the assemblies last year. [{Read more}](#)

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- Main categories of the Bills: Education (21%), taxation (12%), local governance (10%), land + law & order (4% each)

49. According to "Aid for Trade at a Glance 2022" report issued by the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), India received the highest aid for trade in 2020 at \$2.7 billion from developed countries. Bangladesh was the second largest recipient of the aid, followed by Egypt. As per the report, aid for trade commitments increased by 18% during 2020, reaching an all-time high of \$64.6 billion. The total disbursement during 2020 was \$48.7 billion, which translates to India getting 4% of the disbursements. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Aid for Trade at a Glance 2022” report issued by – WTO & OECD
- India received highest aid for trade in 2020 at \$2.7 Bn from developed countries | 2nd – Bangladesh | 3rd – Egypt
- Total global disbursement during 2020 was \$48.7 billion | India – received 4% of the disbursements
- HQs of WTO – Geneva, Switzerland | 7th DG – Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (Nigeria) | Members – 164 | Founded – 1995
- HQs of OECD – Paris, France | Secretary-General – Mathias Cormann | Member countries – 37

50. According to “Bloomberg Billionaires Index” released on July 30, 2022, Savitri Jindal became Asia’s richest woman after Asia’s wealthiest woman Yang Huiyan from China lost more than half of her wealth due to China’s property crisis. Yang’s total wealth dropped to \$11 billion from nearly \$24 billion in 2021. Jindal, 72, is India’s richest woman and the 10th richest person in India. In India’s richest women list, she is followed by Kiran Mazumdar and Crishna Godrej. Savitri has been considered the richest Indian woman for the past few years, according to Forbes also. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Bloomberg Billionaires Index’ – released on July 30, 2022
- Asia’s richest woman – Savitri Jindal | 2nd – Yang Huiyan (China)
- India’s richest woman – Savitri Jindal (10th richest person in India) | 2nd – Kiran Mazumdar | 3rd – Crishna Godrej

51. At least 85% of districts face arid conditions across India, according to the “Aridity Anomaly Outlook Index” for July 2022, issued by India Meteorological Department (IMD). Only 63 of 756 districts were non-arid, while 660 were facing different degrees of aridity. The data for the remaining 33 districts were not available. Some 196 districts are in the grip of a ‘severe’ degree of dryness and 65 of these are in Uttar Pradesh which has the highest number of districts experiencing arid conditions, followed by Bihar (33). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Aridity Anomaly Outlook Index” for July 2022 – issued by IMD
- As per the index:
 - At least 85% of districts face arid conditions across India
 - Only 63 of 756 districts were non-arid, while 660 were facing different degrees of aridity
 - UP (65) has the highest number of districts experiencing arid conditions, followed by Bihar (33)
- HQs of IMD – New Delhi | Director General – Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra | Founded in – 1875



Amount & Agreements

1. On July 1, National Capital Region Transport Corporation or NCRTC signed an agreement with Deutsche Bank India to operate and maintain the 82-km long Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor for 12 years. NCRTC is a joint venture company of the Centre and states of Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh under the administrative control of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. Deutsche Bahn Engineering and Consultancy India (DB India) is a subsidiary of Deutsche Bahn AG, National Railway Company of Germany. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCRTC + DB India = an agreement to operate the 82-km long Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut 'RRTS' corridor for 12 years
- HQs of NCRTC – New Delhi | MD – Vinay Kumar Singh
- HQs of Deutsche Bank – Frankfurt, Germany | CEO – Christian Sewing | President – Karl von Rohr
- HQs of Deutsche Bank AG, India – Mumbai, Maharashtra

2. On July 1, Department of Telecommunications (USOF), under Ministry of Communications signed an agreement with Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) Limited and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to fund the pilot projects under Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). The USOF is funding 4 pilot projects each of around Rs 10 Crore. The DoT, BSNL & ITI Limited will fund the pilot projects of E-band, Long-Term Evolution (LTE) indigenous technologies, including the integration of 4G and 5G prototypes with the C-DoT Core. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DoT + ITI Limited + BSNL = an agreement to fund the pilot projects under 'Universal Service Obligation Fund'
- The USOF is funding 4 pilot projects each of around Rs 10 Crore: E-band, Long Term Evolution, 4G, 5G
- HQs of C-DoT – New Delhi | Executive Director – Rajkumar Upadhyay
- HQs of BSNL – New Delhi | CMD – Pravin Kumar Purwar

3. On July 5, Software firm Salesforce announced a grant of \$2 million (about Rs 15.85 Cr) to over 22 non-profit organizations across India. With a strategic focus on education and workforce development, these grants are expected to impact over 40,000 individuals across India. Globally, Salesforce has reached a total of \$532 million in grants since its founding. Moreover, HDFC Ltd partnered with Salesforce to support the company's growth priorities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Salesforce – announced a grant of \$2 million (about Rs 15.85 Cr) to over 22 non-profit organizations across India
- HDFC Ltd – partnered with Salesforce to support the company's growth priorities
- HQs of HDFC Ltd – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Deepak Parekh | VC & CEO – Keki Mistry
- HQs of Salesforce – US | Chairman – Marc Benioff

4. On July 7, Power Finance Corporation (PFC) signed a loan agreement for JPY 30 billion with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). The JBIC provided this long term facility to PFC under its initiative 'Global action for Reconciling Economic growth and ENvironmental preservation (GREEN)'. The funds under the facility would be used by PFC to finance its Renewable Energy portfolio. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PFC + JBIC = a JPY 30 billion loan agreement for GREEN initiative
- HQs of PFC Ltd – New Delhi | CMD – Ravinder Singh Dhillon



5. On July 7, the Chhattisgarh Government received an in-principle approval from the Central Government to sign a \$300 million (approximately ₹2,100 Cr) loan agreement with World Bank for the state's School Education Project. The agreement will allow the Chhattisgarh Government to borrow \$300 million over a period of 5 years at significantly lower than market rates, and repay it over a period of 20 years. The World Bank has been associated with India's school education system since 1994, according to its website. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh + World Bank = a \$300 million (approx ₹2,100 Cr) loan agreement for School Education Project
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., US | Members – 189 | President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

6. On July 13, Jubilant Pharma Holdings signed an agreement with Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) for a 5-year loan of USD 400 million (about Rs 3,186 Cr). The majority of the amount will be used for repayment of existing term loan and debt bonds aggregating USD 350 million and additional tranche of USD 50 million for future growth capex. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jubilant Pharma Holdings + SCB = an agreement for a 5-year loan worth USD 400 million (about Rs 3,186 Cr)
- HQs of SCB – London, UK | CEO – Bill Winters | CEO, Asia – Benjamin Hung

7. On July 15, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Singapore have signed an agreement to promote investment and innovation across Asia and the Pacific. The MoU aims to recognise the importance of private sector finance as well as catalysing public sector resources for sustainable and inclusive development. The MoU replaces a 2012 MoU between ADB and Singapore to enhance knowledge sharing and cooperation in governance and public policy, private sector development, and climate change. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB + Singapore = agreement to promote investment & innovation across Asia & the Pacific (replaces a 2012 MoU)
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966

8. In July 2022, the central government reserved Rs 80,000 Cr as interest-free loans for States undertaking capital works in the current fiscal FY23. In her 2022-23 Budget speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the “Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment” scheme under which total financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh Cr would be given to States in the form of 50-year interest-free loans for capital investment projects. The total ₹1 lakh Cr scheme also includes ₹4,000 Cr for PM Gram Sadak Yojana, ₹2,000 Cr digitisation incentive, ₹6,000 Cr towards urban reforms and ₹3,000 Cr for capital projects on optical fibre cable. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central Govt reserved Rs 80,000 Cr as interest-free loans for States undertaking capital works in current fiscal FY23
- Total financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh Cr would be given under “Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment”
- Ministry of Finance: Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Karnataka
- MoS in Ministry of Finance: Pankaj Chowdhary & Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad



9. On July 20, the Government of India will provide a financing facility worth about Rs 1,600 Cr (\$200 million) through the World Bank for the Himachal Pradesh Power Sector Development Programme. With the state's share, the total programme cost will be approximately Rs 2,000 Cr. The programme duration will be of 5 years, starting from the year 2023 to 2028. The programme aimed to undertake holistic power sector reforms in a manner to allow for improvements in the Renewable Energy Integration in the state. The programme also aims to install new capacities in the solar generation of about 200 MW, through HPPCL and HIMURJA. Under this programme a comprehensive 'Environmental Social and System Assessment (ESSA)' was also carried out. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GoI will provide financing facility worth 200 million through World Bank for HP Power Sector Development Programme
- Total cost of the programme – Rs 2000 Cr | Duration – 5 Years (2023 - 2028)
- New capacities in the Solar Generation of 200 MW will be installed through HPPCL & HIMURJA
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., US | Members – 189 | President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

10. On July 20, New Development Bank (NDB) approved 5 new projects totalling \$875 million for water, sanitation, ecotourism and transport. With these five new projects, NDB's cumulative approvals have now reached nearly \$32 billion. The projects will be implemented by the Water and Sanitation Company (SABESP). NDB will direct \$79 million for the Meghalaya Ecotourism Infrastructure Development Project. NDB will also direct \$70 million to the Lamphelpat Waterbody Rejuvenation Project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NDB – approved 5 new projects totalling \$875 million for Water, Sanitation, Ecotourism & Transport
- NDB's cumulative approvals have now reached nearly \$32 billion (as of July 2022)
- NDB – will provide \$79 million for the Meghalaya Ecotourism Infrastructure Development Project
- NDB – will provide \$70 million to the Lamphelpat Waterbody Rejuvenation Project
- HQs of NDB – Shanghai, China | President – Marcos Prado Troyjo (established by BRICS Countries - in 2014)

11. Only July 25, India contributed USD 2.5 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) that will go directly to serve the schools, health centres and other basic services run by the organisation to support Palestinian refugees. This is the first half (2.5 million) of the annual contribution of India (total of 5 million). Since 2018, the Government of India has given UNRWA 20 million US dollars. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – contributed USD 2.5 million to the UNRWA for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
- Government of India has given UNRWA 20 million US dollars since 2018

12. On July 26, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed a loan agreement with Indian government to provide an Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan of about ₹6,000 Crore (100 billion Japanese Yen) as the third tranche for the construction of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) using Japan's Shinkansen technology (also known as the bullet train). The agreement was signed as part of a ₹18,000 Crore package of JICA's commitment in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- JICA + India = a loan agreement of about ₹6,000 Cr for the construction of 'Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail'
- The agreement was signed as part of a ₹18,000 Cr package of JICA's commitment in 2017



13. On July 22, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved to provide a loan of USD 96.3 million (about Rs 769 Crore) for a project to provide safe drinking water and improve water supply and sanitation services in Himachal Pradesh under the “Himachal Pradesh Rural Drinking Water Improvement and Livelihood Project”. The project will improve water supply and sanitation services through, among others, the construction of 48 groundwater wells, 80 surface water intake facilities, 109 water treatment plants, 117 pumping stations, and 3,000 kilometers of water distribution pipelines. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ADB – approved to provide a loan of USD 96.3 million to provide safe drinking water in Himachal Pradesh
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

14. On 27 July, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved additional investment of \$1,600 million (around ₹12,000 Crore) by Bharat PetroResources Ltd (BPRL) for development of BM-SEAL-11 Concession Project in Brazil. The BPRL also received the Cabinet approval to increase in the limit of equity investment by BPCL and authorised share capital of the firm from ₹15,000 Cr to ₹20,000 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCEA approved additional investment of \$1,600 million (₹12,000 Cr) by Bharat PetroResources Ltd (BPRL) for development of ‘BM-SEAL-11 Concession Project’ in Brazil
- HQs of BPRL – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Brazil – Brasilia – Brazilian Real | President – Jair Bolsonaro

15. On July 27, the Union Cabinet approved project for saturation of 4G mobile services in all uncovered villages of India through Universal Service Obligation Fund, at an estimated cost of Rs 26,316 Cr. The project will provide 4G mobile services in 24,680 uncovered villages in remote and difficult areas. The project cost of Rs 26,316 Cr includes capex and 5-year opex. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved a Rs 26,316 Cr project for saturation of 4G mobile services in 24,680 uncovered villages of India



Ordinance, Bills & Acts

1. On July 2, the Union Home Ministry made 7 key amendments to existing rules of the “Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) Rules, 2011” and renamed as “Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2022”. The amendment aims at prohibiting acceptance and utilization of foreign contribution or foreign hospitality for any activities detrimental to the national interest. The amendments include allowing Indians to receive up to ₹10 lakh in a year from relatives staying abroad without informing the authorities. The earlier limit was ₹1 lakh. If the amount exceeds, the individuals will now have 90 days to inform the government, instead of 30 days earlier. [{Read more}](#)

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- Home Ministry – made 7 key amendments to the existing “FCRA Rules, 2011” & renamed as “FCRA Rules, 2022”
- Indians can now receive up to ₹10 lakh in a year from relatives staying abroad, without informing the authorities
- If the amount exceeds, the individuals will now have 90 days to inform the authorities
- [Ministry of Home Affairs: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Home Affairs: Nityanand Rai, Ajay Kumar & Nisith Pramanik](#)

2. On July 20, the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change has notified amendment to the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Rules. The new rule exempts Highway projects of strategic and defence importance, which are 100 km from the Line of Control (LoC), among other locations, from an Environmental clearance before construction. Thermal power plants up to 15 MW based on biomass or non-hazardous municipal solid waste using auxiliary fuel such as coal, lignite or petroleum products up to 15% have also been exempted. The EIA is a process of evaluating the likely environmental impacts of a proposed project or development. The EIA Rules were notified in 2006. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MEFCC – notified amendment to the ‘Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Rules’
- The new rule exempts Highway projects of strategic & defence importance, which are 100 km from the LoC
- The ‘EIA Rules’ were notified in 2006

3. On July 22, the Supreme Court extended Green Protection to forest land in Aravalli ranges. The SC held that all land covered by the special orders issued under ‘Section 4’ of the ‘Punjab Land Preservation Act (PLPA)’ in Haryana will be treated as forests and be entitled to protection under the ‘Forest Conservation Act, 1980’. Special orders under ‘Section 4’ of ‘PLPA’ are the restrictive provisions issued by the state government to prevent deforestation of a specified area that could lead to soil erosion. The court’s ruling will mean around 30,000 hectares across the Aravallis and Shivaliks in Haryana will be considered forest land. The Aravali Range is a range of mountains in western India running approximately 692 km in a northeastern direction across the Indian states of Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Haryana, ending in Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Supreme Court – extended Green Protection to forest land in Aravalli ranges
- SC held that all land covered by the special orders issued under ‘Section 4’ of the ‘PLPA’ in Haryana will be treated as forests and be entitled to protection under the ‘Forest Conservation Act, 1980
- Aravali Range – a range of mountains across Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana & Delhi
- [Present Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court of India – Justice N. V. Ramana \(48th\) | From Aug 27 – Uday Umesh Lalit](#)



4. On July 22, the Lok Sabha passed the “Indian Antarctica Bill, 2022”. Earth Sciences Minister, Jitendra Singh, said that such a law was necessary under India’s obligations as a signatory to the Antarctic Treaty of 1963. Under the provisions of the Bill, private tours and expeditions to Antarctica would be prohibited without a permit or the written authorisation by a Member country. A Member country is one of the 54 signatories of the Treaty. The Bill also prohibits mining, dredging and activities that threaten the pristine conditions of the continent. Following its first expedition to Antarctica in 1982, India has now established two standing research stations, Bharti and Maitri, at Antarctica. The Bill also establishes a ‘Committee on Antarctic Governance and Environmental Protection’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lok Sabha passed the “Indian Antarctica Bill, 2022”
- Private tours and expeditions to Antarctica would be prohibited without a permit or the written authorisation
- Signatory member countries of Antarctic Treaty of 1963 – 54 countries
- India has established 2 standing Research Stations at Antarctica – Bharti & Maitri
- [MoS I/C in Ministry of Earth Sciences: Dr. Jitendra Singh | Constituency – Udhampur, J&K](#)

5. On July 26, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijju introduced the “Family Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2022”, as he urged State governments to set up family courts in all districts. Lok Sabha passed the bill to grant statutory cover to already established family courts in Himachal Pradesh and Nagaland. The Family Courts Act was enacted in 1984 for the establishment of family courts by States to deal with disputes related to family and marriage. Two family courts were established in Nagaland on September 12, 2008, and three in Himachal Pradesh on February 15, 2019, via notifications issued by the two State governments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kiren Rijju – introduced the “Family Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2022” (enacted in 1984)
- Lok Sabha passed the bill to grant statutory cover to already established family courts in Himachal Pradesh & Nagaland
- [Ministry for Law & Justice: Kiren Rijju | Constituency – Arunachal West](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Law & Justice – S. P. Singh Baghel](#)

6. The “Anti-Maritime Piracy Bill, 2019” has been listed for consideration and passing during the Monsoon session of the Parliament that commenced on July 18. If passed, the Bill will bring the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) into domestic law and enable Indian authorities to take action against piracy on the high seas. The Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on December 9, 2019 by the Ministry of External Affairs. The Anti-Maritime Piracy Bill defines piracy as an act of violence or detention by the crew or passengers of a private vessel or private aircraft on high seas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of External Affairs – introduced “Anti-Maritime Piracy Bill”
- The bill is listed for consideration & passing during the Monsoon session
- [Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of External Affairs: Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, V. Muraleedharan & Meenakshi Lekhi](#)



Acquisitions & Mergers

1. On July 4, Ministry of Finance announced that the strategic disinvestment transaction for Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL) has been completed, with the transfer of 93.71% shares of the joint venture partners to Tata Steel Long Products Limited. The Enterprise Value (EV) paid by the Tata Steel is Rs 12,100 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Strategic disinvestment transaction for “Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd” is completed after the transfer of 93.71% shares to “Tata Steel Long Products Ltd” – for Rs 12,100 Cr
- [HQs of Tata Steel Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – T. V. Narendran](#)

2. On July 7, Piramal Enterprises received shareholders’ approval to demerge its pharmaceuticals business and simplify the corporate structure. The demerger will divide the company into two focused entities - Financial Services and Pharmaceuticals. The demerger follows the group’s acquisition of DHFL for Rs 34,250 Cr, which was completed in September 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piramal Enterprises – to demerge its pharmaceuticals business & simplify the corporate structure
- The demerger will divide the company into two focused entities: ‘Financial Services’ & ‘Pharmaceuticals’
- [HQs of Piramal Enterprises – Mumbai, Maharashtra | President – Vivek Valsaraj](#)

3. On July 13, Infosys Ltd signed a definitive agreement to acquire Denmark-based BASE life science, a leading technology and consulting firm in the life sciences industry, for up to €110 million (about \$111 million). The acquisition is expected to close during the second quarter of FY23. BASE has about 200 multidisciplinary industry experts across Denmark, Switzerland, UK, Germany, France, Italy, and a nearshore technology hub in Spain. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Infosys – to acquire BASE life science ([Denmark](#)) for up to €110 million (about \$111 million)
- [HQs of Infosys – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Salil Parekh | Founded in – 1981](#)

4. On July 14, telecom operator Bharti Airtel allotted over 7.1 Cr equity shares to internet major Google for Rs 734 apiece. The allotment is part of Google’s commitment to invest \$1 billion with Airtel, which included equity investment in the company worth \$700 million (about Rs 5,224 Cr) and \$300 million was earmarked for implementing commercial agreements. Google made the investment as part of its \$10 billion “India Digitization Fund”. Google will hold approximately 1.2% of the total post-issue equity shares of Bharti Airtel, approximately 1.17% on fully-diluted basis. Before this, Google has also invested Rs 33,737 Cr (about \$4.5 billion) to buy 7.73% stake in Jio Platforms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharti Airtel – allotted over 7.1 Cr equity shares to Google for Rs 734 apiece
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- Google – made the investment as part of its \$10 billion “India Digitization Fund”
- Google – has also invested Rs 33,737 Cr (about \$4.5 billion) to buy 7.73% stake in Jio Platforms
- [HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998](#)
- [HQs of Bharti Airtel – New Delhi | CEO & MD – Gopal Vittal | Chairman – Sunil Bharti Mittal](#)



5. On July 25, the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) announced to sell 2.002% of its total stake in pharma major, Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries for around Rs 3,882 Cr. Thereby, LIC's stake in Sun Pharma has been reduced from 7.026% (16,85,66,486 equity shares) to 5.024% (12,05,24,944 equity shares). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LIC – to sell 2.002% of its total stake in Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries for around Rs 3,882 Cr
- With this, LIC's stake in Sun Pharma reduced from 7.026% to 5.024%
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Founded in – 1956 | Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”

6. On July 26, the Competition Commission has approved the purchase of 11.43% stake in Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd (TPREL) by Greenforest New Energies Bidco. Greenforest New Energies Bidco is an investment vehicle jointly run by BlackRock and Mubadala Investment Company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI – approved purchase of 11.43% stake in Tata Power RE by Greenforest New Energies Bidco
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003
- HQs of Tata Power RE – Mumbai, Maharashtra | President – Ashish Khanna



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

1. On July 1, the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati, signed an MoU with the Incubation & Enterprise Support Centre (IESC) of IIM Shillong, to boost the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem in the North Eastern Region (NER). The institutes will together conduct certified courses on entrepreneurship development and also train startups and incubates under the Incubation and Enterprise Support Centre, IIM Shillong. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIE, Guwahati + IESC (IIM Shillong) = an MoU to boost the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem in the NER

2. On July 2, NTPC Renewable Energy (NTPC REL), a subsidiary of NTPC, signed an MoU with the government of Rajasthan for the development of 10 GW Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Park in the State. This is part of the NTPC Group's target of 60 GW renewable energy (RE) capacity by 2032. Additionally, NTPC REL is developing one UMREPP of 4.75 GW capacity in Rann of Kutch, Gujarat. NTPC's total installed capacity is 69,134.20 MW with 23 coal-based, 7 gas-based, 1 hydro, and 19 renewable energy projects. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC REL + Rajasthan = an MoU for development of 10 GW Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Park in the State
- This is part of the NTPC Group's target of 60 GW RE capacity by 2032
- Now, NTPC's total installed capacity is 69,134.20 MW
- [Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur](#) | [CM – Ashok Gehlot](#) | [Governor – Kalraj Mishra](#)

3. On July 4, at the "Tamil Nadu Investors' First Port of Call - Investment Conclave" in Chennai, the Tamil Nadu Government signed 60 MoUs to bring in a cumulative investment worth Rs 1.25 lakh Cr and offer 74,898 jobs. The firms include Lucas TVS, ACME Green Hydrogen and Tata Power. Moreover, Chief Minister MK Stalin launched the 'Tamil Nadu Life Sciences Promotion Policy 2022' and 'Tamil Nadu R&D Policy 2022'. He also launched the 'TECXPRIENCE' program to encourage FinTech adoption in the State. He also inaugurated TN PitchFest, organised by Guidance and StartUp TN. Besides, organisational MoUs were exchanged for 11 projects, including VakilSearch and Capital FinTech. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Tamil Nadu Investors' First Port of Call - Investment Conclave" – held in Chennai
- Tamil Nadu – signed 60 MoUs to bring in a cumulative investment worth Rs 1.25 lakh Cr & offer 74,898 jobs
- Moreover, TN CM MK Stalin launched:
 - Tamil Nadu Life Sciences Promotion Policy 2022 & Tamil Nadu R&D Policy 2022
 - 'TECXPRIENCE' program to encourage FinTech adoption
 - TN PitchFest (organised by Guidance & StartUp TN)
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai](#) | [CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin](#) | [Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi](#)

4. On July 1, Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed an Operation & Management agreement for operationalization of 5 airports owned by the Government of Uttar Pradesh for a period of 30 years. These 5 airports are Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Muirpur & Shravasti. This is the first time AAI is entering into an O&M Agreement with the State Government for Operationalization of State Government owned airports. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- AAI – signed an Operation & Management agreement for operationalization of 5 airports owned UP Govt for 30 years
- 5 airports: Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Muirpur & Shravasti
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel
- HQs of AAI – New Delhi | Chairman – Sanjeev Kumar

5. On July 4, Renewable Energy major Greenko and IIT Hyderabad signed an MoU to launch India's first dedicated school for sustainable science and technology. The "Greenko School of Sustainable Science and Technology (GSSST)" will help plug the gaps in research, education and skills in the sustainable development space. Greenko has an installed renewable energy capacity of about 7.5 GW across wind, solar and hydro capacities and over 10 GW of projects under development. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Greenko + IIT Hyderabad = an MoU to launch India's first dedicated school for Sustainable S&T
- The school will be called – "Greenko School of Sustainable Science and Technology (GSSST)"
- Director of IIT Hyderabad – B. S. Murty

6. On July 6, a unit of Russian nuclear major Rosatom State Corporation signed an agreement to supply thermocouples for 4 power units of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP) in Tamil Nadu. LUCH Scientific Production Association, the R&D unit of Rosatom, will provide the new sensors designed for thermal control of NPP process equipment, which will replace the old ones in the internal reactor control systems of the units 1 and 2 of KNPP. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rosatom (Russia) – to supply thermocouples for 4 power units of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant in Tamil Nadu
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

7. On July 7, the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) signed a contract with the Government of West Bengal for the design and construction of the next-generation Electric Ferry that will pave the way for reducing carbon emission in the water transport sector in the state. This 'Green Vessel' (Electric Ferry) has the potential to replace the conventional diesel engine driven ferries operated in the Hooghly River. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GRSE + West Bengal = an MoU for the design & construction of the next-generation 'Electric Ferry'
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – La. Ganesan
- HQs of GRSE – Kolkata, India | Chairman & MD – P. R. Hari | Founded in – 1884

8. Deutsche Bahn (DB) will be the world's first intermodal partner of Star Alliance from August 1, 2022. Under the new cooperation, DB customers and passengers of Star Alliance member airlines will be able to start or end their journey comfortably on the environment-friendly train. Germany is the first market and DB is the world's first partner in the new Star Alliance initiative. An industry-first, Star Alliance's Intermodal Partnership model intelligently combines airline with railway, bus, ferry or any other transport ecosystems. With this, the new partnership between DB and Star Alliance builds on the Lufthansa Express Rail program. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- DB + Star Alliance = collaborated to build world's first Intermodal Partnership
- 'Intermodal Partnership' model intelligently combines airline with railway, bus, ferry or any other transport ecosystems
- Germany is the first market & DB is the world's first partner in the new Star Alliance initiative
- HQs of Deutsche Bahn – Berlin, Germany | CEO – Richard Lutz
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

9. On July 7, REC Ltd signed an MoU with Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) to collaborate on activities to improve the operational and financial sustainability of Discoms through holistic deployment of smart meters, strengthening of power distribution networks and improved quality of service for electricity consumers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- REC Ltd + CEEW = an MoU to improve operational & financial sustainability of Discoms
- HQs of REC Ltd – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Vivek Kumar Dewangen | Founded in – 1969

10. On July 7, NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NTPC REL), a fully-owned subsidiary of NTPC, signed an MoU with Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) to collaborate in setting up India's first commercial-scale Green Ammonia and Green Methanol projects. The MoU envisages collaborating in the field of Renewable Energy, Green Methanol & Green Ammonia and mutually exploring the opportunities for the supply of 100 MW RE-RTC (Round The Clock) power and synthesizing 75 TPD Green Methanol and 35 TPD Green Ammonia for captive use for the production of various chemicals by GACL. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC REL + GACL = an MoU to set up India's first commercial-scale Green Ammonia & Green Methanol projects
- The MoU envisages collaborating in the field of Renewable Energy, Green Methanol & Green Ammonia
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975

11. On July 9, Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) and France-based Safran Helicopter Engines signed an agreement to create a new joint venture "Aero-Engine Company" in India to develop helicopter engines. One of its main objectives will be to meet the requirements of HAL and Ministry of Defence's future helicopters, including the 13-ton 'IMRH' (Indian Multi-Role Helicopter). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HAL + Safran Helicopter Engines (France) = an agreement to create a new joint venture "Aero-Engine Company" in India
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt | Chairma & MD – R. Madhavan

12. On July 8, an MoU was signed between Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) and Central TB Division, under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) with the aim to achieving the Prime Minister's ambitious target of Eliminating TB in India by 2025. The MoU is expected to pave way for coordinated efforts at grassroots level to create mass awareness in rural areas to end stigma and discrimination associated with Tuberculosis and will help utilize the huge potential of nationwide network of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)/Rural Local Bodies for elimination of TB in India by 2025. MoHFW has developed a "National Strategic Plan (2017-2025)" for elimination of TB in India by 2025. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- MoPR + Central TB Division (MoH&FW) = an MoU to achieve the target of Eliminating TB in India by 2025
- MoHFW has developed a “National Strategic Plan (2017-2025)” for elimination of TB in India by 2025
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar
- Ministry of & Panchayati Raj: Giriraj Singh | Constituency – Begusarai, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Panchayati Raj: Faggansingh Kulaste & Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti

13. In July 2022, the Coffee Board of India and the ISRO signed an MoU with regard to breeding climate-resilient varieties and assess the carbon sequestration potential in coffee. The plant related research activities under the Board are carried out by the Central Coffee Research Institute (CCRI) in Chikmagalur district of Karnataka. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Coffee Board of India + ISRO = an MoU to breed Climate-Resilient varieties of coffee
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969
- HQs of Coffee Board of India – Bengaluru, Karnataka

14. On July 12, Madagascar government and Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL) signed an MoU for participating in the “e-VBAB” (e-VidyaBharati and e-AarogyaBharati) network project. The technological upgradation & extension of the “Pan African e-Network Project (PAeNP)” is known as “e-VBAB”. With the signing of this MoU, different online degree/diploma courses will be offered to Malagasy citizens, free of cost. A total of 26 major Indian universities are participating in the project offering more than 300 different courses in Management, Computer Science, Commerce, Science, Health care, Humanities and Arts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Madagascar + TCIL = an MoU for participating in the “e-VBAB” (e-VidyaBharati and e-AarogyaBharati) network project
- Madagascar – Antananarivo – Malagasy Ariary | President – Andry Rajoelina

15. On July 12, University of Hyderabad and National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB) signed an MoU for collaboration on fundamental areas of Biological Sciences for a period of 5 years. Faculty, researchers and scientists from both the institutions will collaborate on animal biotechnology or allied areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- University of Hyderabad + NIAB = an MoU for collaboration on fundamental areas of Biological Sciences for 5 years
- Location of NIAB – Hyderabad, Telangana

16. On July 14, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) partnered with Telangana for Data in Climate Resilient Agriculture (DiCRA). The platform aims to strengthen food systems and food security by the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology. DiCRA is a first-of-a-kind digital solution that aims to attain the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). DiCRA will help farmers mitigate the effects of climate change on their crops and livestock, boost the resilience of their livelihoods, and wider food security. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- UNDP + Telangana = partnered for 'Data in Climate Resilient Agriculture (DiCRA)' to help farmers
- HQs of UNDP – New York, US | Administrator – Achim Steiner | Founded in – 1965
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

17. On July 12, the Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare (DA&FW) and Philippines-based International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) signed an MoU on commencement of Phase-2 activities of IRRI South Asia Regional Centre (ISARC) to scale up the existing partnership for food and nutrition security in the South Asian region. The ISARC also set up a Centre of Excellence in Rice Value Addition (CERVA) that includes a modern and sophisticated laboratory with capacity to determine quality and status of heavy metals in grain and straw. In December 2021, PM Narendra Modi had inaugurated state-of-the-art Speed Breeding Facility (SpeedBreed) at ISARC in Varanasi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DA&FW + IRRI = an MoU on commencement of Phase-2 activities of 'IRRI South Asia Regional Centre (ISARC)'
- PM Modi – had inaugurated state-of-the-art 'Speed Breeding Facility' at ISARC in Varanasi in Dec 2021
- HQs of IRRI – Los Banos, Philippines

18. On July 13, Delhi's Transport Department signed an MoU with the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology-Delhi (IIIT-D) to conduct research and develop technologies to enhance mobility in the Capital. The Centre for Sustainable Mobility (CSM) was also inaugurated at IIIT-D. The centre seeks to help the Transport Department in identifying problem areas and define a technology roadmap toward solving problems of urban mobility in Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi's Transport Department + IIIT-D = an MoU to conduct R&D technologies to enhance urban mobility in the UT
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena | Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar

19. On July 12, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development and Authority (APEDA) signed an MoU with Assam Agriculture University to conduct trainings on pre-harvest and post-harvest management and other research activities for the promotion of export from the region. The APEDA assisted the Assam Govt in setting up a modern pork processing facility at Nazira which has a slaughtering capacity of 400 animals per day. APEDA had also organised Conference on the Export Potential of Natural, Organic and Geographical Indications (GI) Agro Products in Guwahati on June 24, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- APEDA + Assam Agriculture University = an MoU to conduct trainings on pre-harvest & post-harvest management
- APEDA – assisted the Assam Govt in setting up a modern Pork Processing Facility at Nazira
- 'Conference on the Export Potential of Natural, Organic & GI Agro Products' – organised by APEDA in Guwahati (in June)
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- HQs of APEDA – New Delhi | Chairman – M. Angamuthu | Established in – 1986 (functions under Ministry of C&I)

20. On July 15, NHPC Ltd (National Hydroelectric Power Corporation) signed two MoUs for the development of "Pilot Green Hydrogen Technologies" in Leh and Kargil districts of Ladakh, in line with the country's aim to reduce the carbon footprint in the Power Sector. These two Pilot projects will also attract long-term investment in the Hydrogen economy creating different revenue streams & job opportunities for the youth of UT of Ladakh. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- NHPC Ltd – signed two MoUs for the development of “Pilot Green Hydrogen Technologies” in Leh & Kargil, Ladakh
- HQs of NHPC – Faridabad, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Abhay Kumar Singh

21. On July 18, E-commerce marketplace Flipkart signed a pact with the Bihar State Skill Development Mission to launch the initiatives of the “Supply Chain Operations Academy (SCOA)” in the state. The initiative is aimed at creating a pool of skilled supply chain operations talent and impart relevant industry training and knowledge. This will help bridge the skill gap and create job opportunities in the expanding supply chain industry in the country. The programme involves a 60-day skilling initiative and the students will be imparted skills through Flipkart’s Learning Management System. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Flipkart + Bihar State Skill Development Mission = launched the initiatives of ‘Supply Chain Operations Academy (SCOA)’
- The programme involves a 60-day skilling initiative to the students
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

22. On July 19, the CSIR-CECRI (Central Electrochemical Research Institute) and GODI India entered into a partnership to run a lithium-ion cell manufacturing facility in Taramani, Chennai. This makes it India’s first ever public-private partnership for large scale lithium-ion cells manufacturing. Currently, all the Lithium-ion cells are being imported mostly from China and South Korea. GODI India is the first Indian company to manufacture Made-in-India & Made-for-India Lithium-ion cells, which is certified by BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards), tested and qualified by TUV, the third-party testing agency. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CSIR-CECRI + GODI India = partnership to run a Lithium-ion Cell Manufacturing Facility in Taramani, Chennai
- GODI India is the first Indian company to manufacture Made-in-India & Made-for-India Lithium-ion cells
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | DG – Shekhar C. Mande | Established in – 1942
- HQs of Godi India – Hyderabad, Telangana | Founder & CEO – Mahesh Godi

23. On July 18, an MoU was signed between Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), STPINEXT and RINL-VSP (Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited-Visakhapatnam Steel Plant) to establish “Industry 4.0 CoE (Centre of Excellence)” for promotion of innovation and start-up activities for RINL and other industries in and around Visakhapatnam. The MoU was exchanged between Atul Bhatt, CMD, RINL, and C.V.D. Ram Prasad, Director, STPI. The CoE is named as “Kalpataru”. It will house an Industrial Robotics lab, an Industrial Drones lab and an Industrial IoT (Internet of Things) lab. Industry 4.0 CoE is planned to incubate around 50 start-ups in physical mode and 125 start-ups in virtual mode over a period of 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- STPI + STPINEXT + RINL-VSP = an MoU to establish ‘Industry 4.0 CoE’ named as “Kalpataru”
- Industry 4.0 CoE – to incubate around 50 start-ups in physical mode & 125 start-ups in virtual mode for 5 years

24. On July 19, Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC) has expanded its pilot to 15 more cities. Snapdeal also signed the onboarding agreement with the ONDC to be the first e-commerce marketplace to debut on ONDC in August. The network first began its pilot on April 29, 2022 in Delhi, Bengaluru, Coimbatore, Bhopal and Shillong. Snapdeal will launch on ONDC with 3 key categories that are Fashion, Home and Beauty & Personal Care. The ONDC is an initiative of Ministry of Commerce & Industry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Snapdeal – signed onboarding agreement with ONDC & the first e-commerce marketplace to debut on ONDC in August
- ONDC – an initiative of Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- HQs of Snapdeal – New Delhi | CEO – Kunal Bahl | Founded in – 2010

25. On August 6, the Uttar Pradesh government signed an MoU with Deloitte India, appointing it as a consultant for achieving the target of lifting the State's economy to USD 1 trillion. This decision was based on the recommendation of a high-powered committee. By 2027, Uttar Pradesh will become a benchmark for the policy of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" with a trillion dollar economy, according to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh + Deloitte India = an MoU for achieving the target of lifting the State's Economy to USD 1 trillion
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel
- HQs of Deloitte – London, UK | CEO – Punit Renjen

26. On July 20, Haryana government, in collaboration with Brazil, will set up a Centre of Excellence for breed improvement of animals in Hisar. The state will also enter in to a memorandum of understanding with a Canada-based firm to set up centre to increase protein content in animal feed. In 1911, the King of Bhavnagar had donated cows of Gir breed to Brazil. Brazil worked on improving the Indian breed and developed a new breed of cows, 'Girlando'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Haryana + Brazil = collaboration to set up a Centre of Excellence for breed improvement of animals in Hisar
- In 1911, the King of Bhavnagar had donated cows of Gir breed to Brazil
- Brazil – developed a new breed of cows called 'Girlando' by improving Indian Gir breed
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya
- Brazil – Brasilia – Brazilian real | President – Jair Bolsonaro

27. On July 20, Government of India and Government of the Republic of Namibia signed an MoU on Wildlife Conservation and Sustainable Biodiversity Utilization, for establishing the cheetah into the historical range in India. Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh is considered ready for receiving cheetah with the least management interventions as a lot of investments had been done in this Protected Area for reintroducing Asiatic lions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Namibia = an MoU on 'Wildlife Conservation & Sustainable Biodiversity Utilization'
- Kuno National Park (MP) – is considered ready for receiving Cheetah
- Namibia – Windhoek – Namibian Dollar/South African Rand | President – Hage Geingob

28. On July 19, NTPC Limited and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) signed an agreement for the formation of a joint venture company for meeting the power requirements of upcoming projects of IOC refineries. NTPC Green Energy (NGEL), a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC, will form the JV company for supply of RE-RTC power to IndianOil. IndianOil plans to meet the additional power requirement of its refineries using round-the-clock renewable energy to the tune of 650MW by December 2024 through this JV. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- NTPC + IOCL = agreement for formation of a JV to meet power requirements of upcoming projects of IOC refineries
- NTPC Green Energy (subsidiary of NTPC) – will form the JV company for supply of RE-RTC power to IndianOil
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya | Founded in – 1959

29. On July 20, the Union Cabinet approved the signing of an MoU in the field of judicial cooperation, between India and Judicial Service Commission of Maldives. The MoU will provide a platform to tap benefits of Information Technology for court digitization, and can be a potential growth area for the IT companies and start-ups in both the countries. This is the 8th MoU signed between India and other countries in the field of Judicial Cooperation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Maldives = an MoU in the field of judicial cooperation to tap benefits of IT for court digitization
- This is the 8th MoU signed between India and other countries in the field of Judicial Cooperation
- Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa | President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

30. On July 20, NHPC Limited and Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) signed an MoU to explore the formation of a Joint Venture Company (JVC) for exploring and setting up Hydropower and Pump Storage projects. Two Power Sector organizations will jointly harness the hydropower projects and pump storage projects as Energy Storage Solutions in line with the National Objective of Energy Transition i.e. 500 GW of Renewable Energy by 2030 and Net Zero by 2070. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NHPC Limited + DVC = an MoU for exploring and setting up Hydropower and Pump Storage projects
- HQs of NHPC – Faridabad, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Abhay Kumar Singh

31. On July 20, Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) - North East Initiative and North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi) signed an MoU with the objective of jointly working to promote investment in Assam and North East States of India. The MoU aims to contribute towards the various initiatives aimed at reforms, policy advocacy, ease of doing business, market linkages and promotion of sustainable business practices etc in Assam and the North-East India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICC-North East Initiative + NEDFi (Guwahati) = an MoU to promote investment in the North East
- HQs of NEDFi – Guwahati, Assam

32. On July 21, India and the United Kingdom signed an agreement for mutual recognition of Educational degrees of students of bachelor, masters and doctoral courses. Indian senior secondary school or pre-university certificates will also be considered for entry into UK's Higher Education Institutions, enabling mobility of students. Now onwards, UK degrees will be recognised as equivalent to Indian degrees and students and will be eligible for employment in India after receiving degree in the UK. Besides, both sides also signed two MoUs on mutual recognition of Educational Qualifications, including Maritime Education and a framework agreement on Healthcare Workforce. The agreement will facilitate recruitment and training of nurses from India by the UK in a streamlined manner. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India + UK = two MoUs on mutual recognition of Educational Qualifications & on Healthcare Workforce
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

33. On July 23, Tech Mahindra and Mahindra University signed an MoU to set up a new 'Makers Lab' for research and development in quantum computing, explainable Artificial Intelligence and Metaverse. Explainable A.I. helps in presenting data in a manner that can be understood by humans. Tech Mahindra already has 10 Makers Lab across the world and the new unit at Mahindra University will be the 11th facility globally and second in Hyderabad. Yajulu Medury is the Vice Chancellor of Mahindra University. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tech Mahindra + Mahindra University = an MoU to set up 'Makers Lab' for R&D in Quantum Computing, AI & Metaverse
- HQs of Tech Mahindra – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Chander Prakash Gurnani
- VC of Mahindra University – Yajulu Medury

34. On July 21, NTPC signed a statement of intent with NITI Aayog to develop the Roadmap for the Public Sector Company to achieve Net Zero Greenhouse Emissions. With this collaboration, NTPC would be able to utilize the expertise of NITI Aayog's energy team for emissions and energy (portfolio mix) modelling including development of scenarios for 2030, 2037, 2047 and 2070 and also get assistance in establishment of Carbon Management Unit (CMU) in NTPC with the aim of integrating all GHG reduction initiatives under one umbrella. In a separate development, on June 20, NTPC also signed an MoU with MASEN (Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy) for cooperation in renewable energy sector. Indian government's targets to achieve 500 GW of Renewable Energy by 2030 and Net Zero Carbon Emission by 2070. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC + NITI Aayog = statement of intent to develop the Roadmap for NTPC to achieve Net Zero Greenhouse Emissions
- NTPC + MASEN (Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy) = an MoU for cooperation in Renewable Energy sector
- Indian government's targets to achieve 500 GW of Renewable Energy by 2030 & Net Zero Carbon Emission by 2070
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Parmameswaran Iyer | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Suman Bery
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975

35. On July 23, Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Kozhikode signed an agreement to boost start-ups in the maritime sector. The CSL and IIMK's Laboratory for Innovation Venturing and Entrepreneurship (LIVE) plan to augment initiatives to develop an ecosystem for supporting the startups in maritime sector from the technical, regulatory, financial, and marketing points of view by bringing the stakeholders together. Under this initiative, start-ups can get up to Rs 50 lakh as seed grants, Rs 1 Cr as prototyping grants and equity funding for start-ups at the scale up stage. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cochin Shipyard Ltd + IIM Kozhikode = an agreement to boost start-ups in the maritime sector
- CSL + IIMK = working on Laboratory for Innovation Venturing & Entrepreneurship (LIVE) plan for the same
- Start-ups can get up to Rs 50 lakh as seed grants & Rs 1 Cr as prototyping grants
- HQs of Cochin Shipyard – Kochi, Kerala | Chairman & MD – Madhu S. Nair | Incorporated in – 1972
- Director of IIM Kozhikode – Debashis Chatterjee



36. On July 25, SAP Labs India partnered with National e-Governance Division (NeGD) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), to launch “SAP Centre for Digital Government (SCDG)” in Bengaluru for improving digital government capabilities in the country. It will focus on capacity building, programme management, and implementation of Digital India’s projects and initiatives. Government IT spending in India is forecast at \$9.5 billion in 2022, up 12% from 2021, according to research firm Gartner. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SAP Labs India + NeGD = partnered to launch “SAP Centre for Digital Government (SCDG)” in Bengaluru
- SCDG – is launched for improving digital government capabilities in India
- Government IT spending in India is forecast at \$9.5 billion in 2022 (12% up from 2021)
- HQs of SAP Labs India – Bengaluru, Karnataka | President – Kulmeet Bawa
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot

37. On July 26, Tripura government signed an MoU with the North East Space Application Centre (NESAC), Shillong, for 21 projects including disaster management and resource mapping. Of the 21 projects, the Centre has already approved 20 projects which include resource mapping of agriculture, horticulture, forest, land revenue and disaster management. The ISRO and North Eastern Council (NEC) will fund to implement all the 21 projects within the next 3 years. An amount of Rs 4.30 Crore has been sanctioned for disaster management as resource mapping. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tripura + NESAC (Shillong) = an MoU for 21 projects including Disaster Management & Resource Mapping
- ISRO + North Eastern Council (NEC) – will fund to implement all the 21 projects within the next 3 years
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Manik Saha | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

38. On July 26, an MoU was signed between Rajasthan Grameen Aajeevika Vikas Parishad (Rajeevika) and Stree Nidhi, a government of Telangana organisation, to establish Rajasthan’s first and the country’s third ‘women’s financial institution’ called ‘Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi’ (RMN). The RMN will be established in the state following Telangana’s ‘Women Fund Model’. RMN will be started in 15 districts in the first year of implementation. Initially, it will be launched in 6 districts. Through RMN, loans up to Rs 40,000 will be disbursed in 48 hours and loans above this amount will be disbursed within 15 days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajeevika (Rajasthan) + Stree Nidhi (Telangana) = an MoU to establish ‘Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi’ (RMN)
- RMN – Rajasthan’s first and the country’s third ‘women’s financial institution’
- RMN – Rajasthan’s 1st & India’s 3rd Women’s Financial Institution
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

39. On July 25, the National Institute of Speech and Hearing (NISH) and the A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technological University (KTU) signed an MoU for an Innovative Entrepreneurial Development Training Project for the differently-abled youth in the state. This unique project has been named “Innovation by Youth with Disabilities” (I-YwD) project. Initially, about 20 people in the age group of 15-40 will be given training and each participant will be given support for 3 years. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- NISH + KTU = an MoU for an 'Innovative Entrepreneurial Development Training Project' for the differently-abled youth
- This unique project has been named "Innovation by Youth with Disabilities" (I-YwD) project

40. On July 27, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) signed an MoU with Greenko ZeroC Private Limited, to jointly pursue opportunities in Renewables, Green Hydrogen & Green Ammonia. The MoU, valid for 2 years, was inked in New Delhi by ONGC Director Onshore Anurag Sharma and Greenko CEO and Managing Director Anil Kumar Chalamalasetty. The activities envisaged under this MoU will contribute toward India's target of producing 5 million tonnes of Green hydrogen per annum by 2030. This MoU will also act as a stepping stone for ONGC to achieve renewable energy targets as per its Energy Strategy 2040. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ONGC + Greenko ZeroC = an MoU to jointly pursue opportunities in Renewables, Green Hydrogen & Green Ammonia
- India's target to produce 5 MT of Green hydrogen per annum – by 2030
- [HQs of ONGC – New Delhi](#) | [CMD – Alka Mittal](#) (addi. charge)

41. On July 27, ReNew Power signed an MoU with Egyptian government agencies and a sovereign fund to set up a Green Hydrogen Manufacturing Facility at Suez Canal Economic Zone in Egypt. The facility will entail a total investment of up to \$8 billion. According to the MoU, ReNew will set up a plant with a capacity to produce 20,000 tonne green hydrogen a year, which will later be raised to 2,20,000 tonne. As per the reports, ReNew Power is looking at setting up Green Hydrogen Projects in Egypt, Oman and Morocco. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ReNew Power + Egypt = an MoU to set up a Green Hydrogen Manufacturing Facility at Suez Canal Economic Zone, Egypt
- Total investment of up to – \$8 billion
- [HQs of ReNew Power – Gurugram, Haryana](#) | [MD & Chairman – Sumant Sinha](#)
- [Egypt – Cairo – Egyptian Pound](#) | [President – Abdel Fattah el-Sisi](#)

42. In July 2022, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) partnered with fast-growing legal education startup LawSikho to bring world-class skill development programs resonating with the vision of NSDC to fulfill the growing need in India for skilled manpower and narrow the existing gap between demand and supply of skills. The partnership will benefit over 10,000 learners over three years. Through its mission, 'Transforming the Skill Landscape', NSDC aims to provide access to opportunities to all through quality vocational education and training. Since its inception in 2008, NSDC has trained over 3 Crore people. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NSDC + LawSikho = to bring world-class skill development programs to fulfill the growing need for skilled manpower
- 'Transforming the Skill Landscape' mission – belongs to NSDC
- [HQs of NSDC – New Delhi](#) | [CEO – Ved Mani Tiwar](#) | [Chairman – A. M. Naik](#) (works under MoSDE)



43. On July 27, BF Infrastructure Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bharat Forge Ltd, and Talgo India Pvt Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Spanish manufacturer Patentes Talgo S.L., signed an agreement to set-up a joint venture for manufacturing High-Speed Passenger Trains. It will help bring state-of-the-art and high-speed rail technology and solutions. The alliance will address emerging business opportunities in the railways industry and tap upcoming domestic requirements in the field. The venture follows the Indian Railways' tender for manufacturing and maintenance of 100 new generation light-weight, energy-efficient trains. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BF Infrastructure + Talgo India = an agreement to set-up a joint venture for manufacturing High-Speed Passenger Trains

44. On July 28, the Indian Vegetable Oil Producers' Association (IVPA) and the Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC) signed an MoU to enhance cooperation between Malaysia and India to promote the use of palm oil. The MoU is expected to expand cooperation in areas of mutual interest, to promote the development and use of Malaysian palm oil and MSPO-certified palm oil. MPOC will promote 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' by assisting the Indian palm oil industry in sourcing technical knowhow. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IVPA (India) + MPOC (Malaysia) = an MoU to enhance cooperation to promote the use of Palm Oil
- HQs of IVPA – New Delhi | President – Sudhakar Desai
- Malaysia – Kuala Lumpur – Ringgit | PM – Ismail Sabri Yaakob | King – Al-Sultan Abdullah

45. On July 29, Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha (IPICOL) and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) signed an MoU making the latter a National Industry Partner for the "Make in Odisha Conclave 2022" to be held from November 30 to December 4, 2022. This is going to be the 3rd edition of the Make in Odisha Conclave. The first edition was held in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IPICOL (Odisha) + FICCI = an MoU for the "Make in Odisha Conclave 2022" to be held in Nov-Dec, 2022 (3rd edition)
- FICCI – will be the National Industry Partner for the "Make in Odisha Conclave 2022"
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal
- HQs of FICCI – New Delhi | DG – Arun Chawla | President – Sanjiv Mehta | Founded in – 1927

46. In July 2022, JSW Steel partnered with US-based Boston Consulting Group (BCG) to meet its decarbonization goals. JSW Steel has an ambitious target of reducing its carbon emission by 42% by 2029-30 versus base year 2005. According to a ministry document, the Iron and Steel industry globally accounts for around 8% of total carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions on an annual basis, whereas in India, it contributes 12% to the total CO₂ emissions. [{Read more}](#).

Key Points:

- JSW Steel + Boston Consulting Group (US) = partnership to meet JSW Steel's decarbonization goals
- JSW Steel has an ambitious target of reducing its carbon emission by 42% – by 2029-30
- HQs of JSW Group – Mumbai, MH | CMD – Sajjan Jindal

47. In July 2022, Aditya Birla Group's metals flagship Hindalco Industries and Aequs entered into a strategic pact for long-term collaboration and joint business development in the commercial Aerospace sector. The move will strengthen the commercial aerospace business of Aequs Pvt Ltd. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Hindalco Industries + Aequs = an agreement for joint business development in the commercial Aerospace sector
- Hindalco Industries – metals flagship company of Aditya Birla Group
- [HQs of Hindalco Industries – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [MD – Satish Pai](#)

48. On July 29, Reliance New Energy, Ola Electric, and Rajesh Exports signed a program agreement under Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for “Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage”. As per the agreement, the companies will receive production-linked incentives under India’s Rs 18,100 Cr program. The government has approved the ‘National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage’ scheme for achieving manufacturing capacity of 50 GWh of ACC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Reliance New Energy + Ola Electric + Rajesh Exports = an agreement for “Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Storage”
- As per the agreement, the companies will receive PLI under India’s Rs 18,100 Cr program
- Government approved the ‘National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage’ scheme for achieving manufacturing capacity of 50 GWh of ACC

49. On July 30, West Bengal government signed an MoU with Maharashtra government to prevent migration and trafficking of women since a lot of movement of people takes place between the two states. UNICEF has been working with the government, panchayats, child protection groups and self-help groups, NGOs to build awareness at the grassroots level. A state-level consultation on ‘Uses and Abuses of Technology’ was organised by West Bengal government and UNICEF on the occasion of World Day against Trafficking in Persons. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- West Bengal + Maharashtra = an MoU to prevent migration & trafficking of women
- West Bengal + UNICEF = organized a state-level consultation on ‘Uses and Abuses of Technology’
- [West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata](#) | [CM – Mamta Banerjee](#) | [Governor – La. Ganesan](#)
- [Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde](#) | [Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari](#)

50. On July 31, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru and the Indian Navy signed an MoU to collaborate on Aviation Research & Development and to ramp up self-reliance efforts for the Navy. The areas of collaboration under this MoU will fall under the domain of aerospace/aeronautical engineering, including design and education technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IISc, Bengaluru + Indian Navy = an MoU to collaborate on Aviation Research & Development
- [Director of IISc, Bangalore – Govindan Rangarajan](#) | [Established in – 1909](#)
- [HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi](#) | [Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar](#) | [VC – S. N. Ghormade](#) | [Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950](#)

51. On July 26, Prasar Bharati signed an MoU with IIT, Kanpur to develop Next Generation Broadcast Solution and Roadmap for Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting consistent with emerging standards such as 5G Broadcast. Presently, Doordarshan has 23 Digital Terrestrial Transmitters which are operational at 19 locations across India. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Prasar Bharati + IIT Kanpur = an MoU to develop 'Next Generation Broadcast Solution' & 'Roadmap for Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting'
- Currently, Doordarshan has 23 Digital Terrestrial Transmitters which are operational at 19 locations across India
- [Director of IIT Kanpur – Abhay Karandikar](#)

52. In July 2022, the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) signed an MoU with LG Electronics India Pvt Ltd and Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI) to set up a "Centre of Excellence for the MSME Sector" at NSIC - Technical Services Centre aimed at training underprivileged youth in the fields of consumer electronics and appliances. In the first year, 600 youth per year would be benefitted on electronics goods servicing and repairing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NSIC + LG Electronics + ESSCI = an MoU to set up a "Centre of Excellence for the MSME Sector" at NSIC, New Delhi

53. In July 2022, Wipro announced a 5-year engagement with global networking and telecom player Nokia. The size of the deal was however not made public. For Nokia, this represents a major step towards digitalisation of its operations by leveraging Wipro's transformation and innovation capabilities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Wipro + Nokia = 5-year engagement for digitalisation of Nokia's operations
- [HQs of Wipro – Bangalore, Karnataka](#) | [MD & CEO – Thierry Delaporte](#) | [Founder Chairman – Azim Premji](#)
- [HQs of Nokia – Espoo, Finland](#) | [CEO – Pekka Lundmark](#)



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